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*‡	City of Manchester..	5,531	„ 14	„ 20	„ 30	„ 1
†	Merton Hall.....	4,337	„ 22	„ 27	Sep. 7	Oct. 1
*‡	City of York	7,705	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Nov. 1	Nov. 25
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N. B.—Carriages, house, Motor Car and bicycle, will be sold at 3 p.m.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 18th instant, at 3-30 p. m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co., will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, etc.

AT 2 P.M. (S.T.)

1 second-hand rubber-tyred palanquin office shigram, in good order.
1 handsome strong glass fronted miniature broughan in very good order.
1 second-hand rubber-tyred victoria, in good order.
1 bay Arab, quiet in harness,
1 grey pony, quiet in harness and saddle.
1 bay waler mare, aged, 15 hands, well bred and good looking, perfectly quiet in saddle and free from vice.

AUCTION SALE OF CEMENT.

On MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 p.m. (S. T.), Messrs. BENNET and Co., will sell by Public Auction, at No. 1 Shed, Prince's and Victoria Dock, on account of the Underwriters:—

Ex. S. S. "Culna."
G. P. C.—139 Casks damaged cement.
T.— 28 Casks do. do.
A deposit of 50 per cent, will be required at the time of sale.

AUCTION SALE OF SOONDERDASS MILLS.

Under instructions from Karsondas Dhuramsey Esq., the liquidator of the Soonderdass S. and W. Co. Ltd. in liquidation, Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will, on TUESDAY the 21st instant, at 3 p. m. (B. T.), sell by Public Auction, at the mill premises, the whole of the company's property and land, which is about 32720 Sqa re Yards of leasehold land together with the buildings godown, out-houses, machinery, engines furniture fittings, castings, etc, as the same is now lying at the mill premises in one lot.

For further particular and conditions of sale application may be made to the company's liquidator at his Office at Tamarind Lane, Fort, or to the Under signed.

BENNETT & CO.

BOMBAY, 17TH MAY, 1907.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

On MONDAY the 20th instant, at 2-30 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece goods and the following:—

The property of a gentleman:—Glass ware crockery-ware, table, teapoys writing, dressing and wash-hand tables, cupboard, bedstead-, wire folding cots, easy chair, large iron safe, sofas.

By order of Messrs. Strathmann and Jacobini and on account and risk of the concerned:—

1 quite new rosewood phonola piano player, in perfect order, with rolls of music.
1 new rosewood American upright grand piano with three pedals.

At 3 p.m.

Several gent's bicycles by different makers.
1 rubber-tyred vis-a-vis.
1 rubber-tyred victoria,
1 French-polished office shigram.
And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

Under instructions from R. D. Setna, Esq., Acting Official Assignee and Assignee of the Estate of M. Breslauer and Co ; insolvents, and with the consent of the Alliance Bank of India, Limited, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co ; will, on TUESDAY, the 21st inst., at 2 p.m., sell by Public Auction, at the Work Shop, Victoria House, Byculla, opposite Fire Brigade Station, part of the stock-in-trade of the insolvents, consisting of real Spanish mahogany wood, English oakwood, American walnut, African satinwood, brassware, furniture tiles, also furniture such as sofas, chairs, dining tables, etc. tools, work benches and machinery and all other articles, in connection with the furniture factory.

The above is on view.

Under instructions from R. D. Sethna, Esq., Acting Official Assignee and Assignee of the estate of M. Breslauer and Co., insolvents and with the consent of the Alliance Bank of India, Limited, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., will on WEDNESDAY the 22nd instant, at 2 p.m. sell by Public Auction, at No. 8, Church Gate Street, Fort, part of the stock-in-trade of the insolvents, consisting of valuable teakwood and blackwood mahogany household furniture, a very large Stock of real, Japanese, English and French wall papers, paint, phonola with music rolls, gas lamps, shop fixtures, etc.

The above is on view.

On THURSDAY, the 23rd Inst., at 2 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at No. 35, Magdala Road, Upper Colaba opposite the observatory, the valuable and handsome French-polished teakwood and blackwood household furniture, such as telescopic dining table and chairs, large size mirror back sideboard, single and double screens, dinner waggons, marble-topped circular tables and teapoys, fan pattern upholstered plush-lined, drawing room suite of sofas and chairs, cabinets and chiffoniers, single and double bedsteads, mirror door almiras, large size office tables, jardiniers, chest of drawers, marble-topped dressing and washhand tables, rich glassware and porcelainware by Treacher, best platedware, Ditmar's kerosene, flower and table lamps, Brussel's and Cambay carpets, rich table ornaments, ebonized iron frame cottage piano, specially built for India by Rose & Co., large, inbox, set of latest 10th edition morocco-bound Encyclopædia Britanica, etc, the property of Major Beckford.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view 4 days before the sale.

AUCTION SALE OF THE RIGHT TO COLLECT OUTSTANDINGS.

Under instructions from the Administrator-General, as the Administrator of the estate of late Dawood Latiff, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 3rd June, 1907, at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.), at their rooms—

The Right to collect all the outsandings (old as well as new) due to the estate of Dawood Latiff.

The amount of outstandings is estimated at about Rupees 54,900.

For further particulars please to apply to the Undersigned.

CRAWFORD & Co.

BOMBAY, 17TH MAY, 1907.

MENESSE AND COMPANY,
No. 35, HUMMUM STREET.

AUCTION SALE of Old Stores, &c. &c., in the B. I. S. N. Company's Dockyard, Mazagon.

Messrs. MENESSE & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY, FRIDAY the 17th Instant, at 3 p. m. (S. T.), in the B. I. S. N. Company's Dockyard, MAZAGON :—

A quantity of old stores such as old Manilla rope, old brass and copper lamps, old electric gear pulley, blocks, iron wire, Lignum vitæ soap, stone paint, &c., &c.

AUCTION SALE OF HORSE FITTINGS.

Messrs. MENESSE & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 17th Instant, at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.), in the B. I. S. N. Coy.'s Dockyard, Mazagon :—

A quantity of wooden materials of horse-fittings.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 17th May, 1907.

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SAVINGS BANK,

THE BANK receives DEPOSITS on the following terms :—

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J. REGBIE,
SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

THE
"BOMBAY GAZETTE."

NEW FEATURES.

WILL SHORTLY APPEAR IN THE *BOMBAY GAZETTE* :—

CRICKET

EIGHT ARTICLES, BY

P. F. Warner (of Middlesex Captain of England);

A. A. Lilley (England's greatest wicket-keeper);

A. O. Jones (Captain of Notts);

A. E. Knight (Leicestershire's chief stay; an accomplished writer on Cricket).

G. L. Jessop (Captain of Gloucestershire; has played many times for England);

J. T. Tyldesley (of Lancashire; England's surest bat);

B. J. T. Bosanquet (of Middlesex);

A. C. MacLaren (Captain of Lancashire).

NOTE.

The articles are bright and attractive to the general reader, and written by men whose names are right to the front in Cricket matters. We have selected for treatment new, practical, and original subjects, and the matter is in every case personal and anecdotal. Mr. Warner led the team which regained our Cricket prestige in Australia; he has played Cricket in many climes; Mr. G. L. Jessop, the famous hitter, gives reminiscences of the new style and the old; Mr. A. A. Lilley, as wicket-keeper, has new views on the present state of Cricket (he is this season to be the worthy recipient of a National testimonial); Mr. J. T. Tyldesley, a keen observer and player, writes of games won and lost through forcing the game.

PROGRAMME.

P. F. Warner,
The Greatest Game I ever Played in.

A. A. Lilley,
How to Brighten Cricket.

A. O. Jones,
The Virtue of Hitting Hard and Hitting Often.

J. T. Tyldesley,
The Art and Advantage of Forcing the Game.

A. C. MacLaren,
How Good Fielding Helps the Bowler.

B. J. T. Bosanquet,
The Value of Unorthodox Cricket.

A. E. Knight,
The Bowler and the "Sporting" Wicket.

G. L. Jessop,
Hitters of To-day and Yesterday.

HUMOUR

New Series of Eight . . . . .
REALLY LAUGHABLE SKETCHES
BY

F. P. Dunne,
("Mr. Dooley.")

Athol Forbes,
(Author of "Odd Fish," &c.)

A. St. John Adcock,
(Author of "Humours of London Life," &c.)

J. J. Bell,
(Author of "Wee McGreegor," &c.)

G. B. Burgin,
(Author of "Taxter's Little Maid," &c.)

S. Baring-Gould,
(Author of "John Herring," &c.)

Edwin Pugh,
(Author of "The Purple Head.")

NOTE.

We have secured a new contributor in the person of "Mr. Dooley," whose work in the leading magazines has drawn so much comment. The other writers are well-known for their power of realizing really humorous situations and characters.

PROGRAMME.

1. "Mr. Dooley on Glory," F. P. DUNNE.
2. "The Humours of Marrying," ATHOL FORBES.
3. "The Mediator," J. J. BELL.
4. "The Man from Queen Street," G. B. BURGIN.
5. "The Silent One," EDWIN PUGH.
6. "Spoilt Men and Women," A. ST. JOHN ADCOCK.
7. "Cabman 7015," J. M. JACOBS.
8. "Lost on the Sands: a Summer Episode," S. BARING-GOULD.

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THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

The Rates of Subscription to "The Bombay Gazette" are as follow :—

TO SUBSCRIBER

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Launch Jaffna, 44 tons, Captain Alli Malim arrived in harbour yesterday from Colombo in ballast.

THE steamer Produce, 743, tons, Captain E Winsnes sailed yesterday for Durban, with a general cargo and Mr Govlan, and 3 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Wardha 2,563 tons, Captain P Lyne, arrived in harbour on Wednesday, evening from Calcutta, with a general cargo and Messrs Marshall and Selby, as passengers.

THE M Maritimes Co's steamer Armand Behic 3,564 tons, Captain E Guionnet sailed yesterday for Marseilles, with a general cargo and passengers, the list appeared in our yesterday's paper.

THE B I S N Co's, steamer Orissa 3,525 tons, Captain W J Bishop arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta via coast ports with a general cargo and 1 deck passenger.

THE steamer Islami, 1,604 tons, Captain A Newby, arrived in harbour yesterday from Massowah with a general cargo and 107 sheep and Mr Hooper and 32 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Lhasa, 934 tons, Captain H McDiarmid, arrived in barbour on the 15th instant from Karachi via coast ports with a general cargo and Dr Viegas, 4 others and 371 deck passengers.

THE Asiatic S N Co's steamer Nizam 2,041 tons, Captain A McLennan arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta via coast posts with a general cargo and Mrs Grant and 2 children and 9 deck passengers.

THE Italean steamer Capri, 2,717 tons, Captain G Bilect well sail to-day for Hongkong, with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Mr Salabbin Shah Dawood, Mr S P Kolhare, Mr Hormusji Sorabji, Mr Esmail and boy and 19 deck.

MEN-OF-WAR & ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN THE STREAM.

H M S Highflyer ..... Capt Hickley ..... R N
H M S Hyacinth ..... Capt Heneage ..... R N
H M S Proserpine ..... Comdr James ..... R N

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

H M S Redbreast ..... Cimdr W Hose ..... R Navy
R I M S Hardinge ..... Comdr G A Rose ..... R I Marine
Three Torpedo Boats ..... Royal Navy
R I M S Margarita ..... Capt W L Kelly ..... Madras Pearl Fishery
R I M S Investigator ..... Capt W G Beauchamp ..... R I Marine
R I M S Mayo ..... Lieut Ramsay ..... R I Marine
R I M S Dufferin ..... Comdr H S Black ..... R I Marine

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—May 16.

Aynthia	694 Curtis	F F C & Co
Bulimba	1607 McLean	M M & Co
Clifton Hall	2433 Jones	R Nixon Co
Canning G		G Hvall
Dalhousie	2999 Davies ..... Baltimore 21-5	R A Wittes
Delta	1779 Daniel ..... Shanghai 28-5	P & O Co
Delaware	2469 Cabot	Standard Co
Glenelg	2669 Hart	W & A G & Co
Ismalia	3381 Ross	M M & Co
Islami	1604 Newly	B & P S N Co
Joun Hardie	2816 McMillan	R Latham & Co
Kt of the Thistle	4286 Baker	W & A Graham & Co
Khalif	2219 Watts	K Nixon & Co
Lawor	1817 Bunel	Swadesi S N Co
Madura	1273 Elton	M M & Co
Moghala	2288 Kohe	W & A G & Co
Neidenfels	3417 Rode	Glade & Co
Nuderi	1168 Gray	B & P S N Co
New Orleans	2262 Key	F M & Co
New bridge	2397 Not man	G G Tejpal & Co
Nizam	2041 McLearnnon	Turner Morrison & Co
Oriental	3905 Lewellen	P & O Co
Okara	3438 Dagge	M M & Co
Orissa	3525 Pishop	M M & Co
Quilos	4942 Anderson	M M & Co
Quarimba	4937 Smith	M M & Co
Reichstag	1339 Thie ..... Durban 17-5	A Strandes
Stanjehan	2566 Davison	Shah S N Co
Sangola	3349 Stunt	M M & Co
Schalla	2020 Ruddock	M M & Co
Suevia	2662 Slemer	Volkart Bros
Usenfels	3483 Elles	G & Co
Venetia	2133 McMorran	K N & Co
Waroonga	1609 Bamber	M M & Co
Warora	2565 Kelsile	M M & Co
Wardha	2563 Lyne	M M & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK—May 16.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date	Agents.
A	Clan Macleod	3043	Fisherden	Chittagong	25-5	F W & Co
B	Shah Najam	2751	Davison	Jedda	13-5	Shah S N Co
C & E	Morton Hall	2773	Prowse	Marmogoa	13-5	K N & Co
D & E	Ceylon	4094	Babot	Kobe	21-5	P & O S N Co
G	Haddarl	1563	D'Lorne	Mitsu	10-5	B & P S N Co
G	Mozaffari	1387	Molony	Aden	18-5	B & P S N Co
H	Kaiser	1714	Holdt	Durban	17-5	A Strandes
K	Hoseinee	993	Jenkins	Stream	17-5	B & A S N Co
L	Xenia	446	Mahomed	Kobe	18-5	Shah S N Co
O	Lord Antrum	1954	Watt	N F		J Mackintosh & Co
P	Crusader	3744	Miburn	Hull	18-5	W & A G & Co
Q	Umsinga	1895	Robertson	Hull	18-5	R A Wilties

VICTORIA DOCK.

1	Australia	2292	Tait	Lpool	22-5 W & A G & Co
2	Circassia	4315	Haig	Lpool	29-5 W & A Graham & Co
3	Torrington		Davison	Dunkirk	25-5 W & A G & Co
4	Capri	4195	Belsito	Sghai	17-5 F Rattino & Co
5	Mombasa	3038	Johnson	Awerp	18-5 M M & Co
6	Jolok		Matin	Kobe	9-5 A L S N Co
7	Ceylon Maru	3068	Pyne	Japan	18-5 N Y Kaisha
8	Bohemia	2311	Dabcovich	Trieste	16-5 A L S N Co
9	Kt of the Garter	4295	Stanhope	Antwerp	18-5 K Nixon & Co
10	11 Newly Hall	2841	Parkinson	Kchi	18-5 K N & Co
12	Persia	4198	Haughton	London	25-5 P & O Co
14	Lhasa	936	McDiarmid	Kchi	20-5 M M & Co
15	City of Madrid	3135	Knaut	Lpool	25-5 K Nixon & Co
16	Hendon Hall	3388	Tyson	Newport	25-5 W & A G & Co

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Dwarka	759	Hirst	Kchi	17-5 M M & Co
Chupra	3054	Goss	Antwerp	25-5 M M & Co
Sabarmati	524	Mohamad	N F	Bo S N Co
Ponani	552	Bamail	B Nagar	18-5 Bo S N Co

ARRIVALS.

May	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
15	Wardha s	Lyne	Calcutta, May 2
	Lhasa s	McDiarmed	Karachi, May 13
16	Nizam s	McLennan	Calcutta, Apr 14
	Islami s	Newby	Massowah, May 6
	Orissa s	Bishop	Calcutta Mar 29
	Jafna (Launch)	Malem	Colombo, May 7

DEPARTURES.

May	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
16	Bohemia s	Dabovich	Trieste
	Kanara s	Chappel	Persian Gulf, &c
	Armand Behic s	Guionnet	Marseilles

The steamer Capri Bebilo for Hongkong obtained her port-clearance yesterday.

The steamer Wardha for Calcutta &c began to load yesterday.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

May.	Steamer	Names.	From
12	Multkefele	K Schwarz	Middlesbrough
	Kurani	A H Mackinnon	Bombay
	Dragoman	J R Middleton	Liverpool
	Baron Balfour	H H Bridger	Columbo
	Kohinur	W C Bird	Chittagong
13	City of Sparta	E Halley	Liverpool
	Glenaffrie	J Craig	Hongkong
	Sutherland	A Wallace	Singapore
	Lismore	T R Sloane	Torrevieja
	Khedoung	M E Steven	Rangoon
	Dedlewell	T Scarr	London
	Taroba	W H Jacobs	Rangoon

DEPARTURES.

14	Syriam	C Pritchett	Rangoon
	Volute	E Scott	Aroe Bay
	Islands	H J Brooks	Bombay
	Baron Innerdale	J G Fullerton	Bombay

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

May.	Vessel.	From
3	Good Hope	Calcutta
4	Ettrickdale	Liverpool
7	Belle of England	Calcutta
9	Clan Ronald	Liverpool
12	Gokonda	London
12	Pongola	Calcutta
13	Nadir	Bombay
13	Nairn	Calcutta
14	Loodiana	Calcutta
14	Palamcotta	Rangoon
14	Silesia	Trieste
14	Clan Colquhoun	Coast

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

14	Gwaliar	Negapatam
15	Lalpoora	Rangoon
15	Gutenfels	Antwerp
16	Muttra	Cuddalore
16	Nairung	,,
20	Muke Maru	Penang

The dates are approximate only.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B I S N Co's ss Dumera passed Lisbon on the afternoon of the 15th instant.

The P and O Co's ss Somali arrived in London on the evening of the 14th instant.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP, COMMANDING, B. V. R.

Bombay, May 17.

49 Signalling—Volunteers of all ranks wishing to go through a course of Army Signalling are requested to submit their names to the Adjutant by the 25th instant. If sufficient members register, a course of Instruction will be started early in June.

50 Transfer—No 3185 Cr Sergt A H Underdown, is transferred from "M" to "L" Company with effect from this date.

A. L. CARTWRIGHT, Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

DAILY EXPORTS.—MAY 16.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Australia s—90 tons, oilcake, The New Mofussil Co; 3,000 cwts linseed, Glade and Co; 4 bales cuttings, N M Raisie, 280 bales wool, B Hurbham, 1,950 cwts myrabollams, Ebjee Oomersey.

Circassia s—100 bales cotton, Davidkar and Co; 201 cwts Kordeesed, Baner Krause, 30 bales cotton, S Bhimjee; 1,000 cwts oil cakes, K B Sajan; 110 bales cuttings, T Khetsi; 700 bales cotton, Finlay Muir and Co; 461 cwts old metal, Killick Nixon and Company.

City of Madrid s—29 bales cotton, G Tejpal and Co.

FOR MANCHESTER.

Australia s—110 bales twist, H M H Esmail and Co; 71 bales twist, The Svadeshi Mills Co Ld.

FOR LONDON.

Persia—300 cwts turmeric, M J Joomabhoy and Co; 50 cases brisles, Schroden Smidt and Co.

FOR HULL.

Kt of the Thistle s—12 000 cwts castorseed, E D Sassoon and Co; 84,492 cwts cottonseed, 10,000 cwts castorseed, Ralli Brothers; 10,987 cwts cottonseed, W Bechar; 1,200 cwts cottonseed, M Valabdas; 4,000 cwts cottonseed, and 1,040 cwts myrabollams, Arjoon Khimjee; 13,000 cwts cottonseed, Volkart Bros; 4,002 cwts castorseed, Holland, Bombay Trading Co; 1,351 cwts castorseed, David Sassoon and Co; 2,000 cwts cottonseed, H Rajpal, 4,000 cwts castorseed, 2,000 cwts cotton seed, David Sassoon and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Torrington s—2,001 cwts nigerseed and 802 cwts mustarseed, A Blascheck and Co; 2,000 cwts poppyseed, Lous Dreyfus and Co.

Crusader s—35 cwts myrabollams, W Bechar.

FOR ANTWERP.

Glenelg s—4,000 cwt poppessed 6,009 cwt rapeseed Volkart Bros; 9,999 cwt poppyseed E D Sassoon and Co; 150 bales hemp R Reeve and Co: 3,920 cwt rapeseed, 9,760 cwt gingelly, 250 cwt poppyseed Louis Druffus and Co.

Mombassa s—200 bales hemp P Bhimjee; 3 bales cotton Ralli Bros.

Kt of the Garter s—2,000 cwt poppyseed M Rambhagat; 100 bales hemp Ebjee Oomersey; 350 bales hemp K Visram and Co.

Chupra s—2,000 cwt rapeseed John Fachiri; 6,000 cwt poppyseed Louis Druffus and Co; 8,000 cwt manganese ore C J Demetrocopuls; 200 bales cotton Diwadkar and Co; 2,000 cwt rapeseed W and A Graham and Co; 224 bales cotton Ralli Bros.

FOR HAMBURG.

Suevia s—55 bales cotton N Cursetjee and Co; 165 bales cotton Glade and Co; 22 bales cotton Gaddam and Co; 200 bales hemp P Bhimjee; 200 cwt poppyseed J Fachiri; 357 bales hemp K Visram and Co; 1,500 cwt castorseed Volkart Bros; 120 bales cotton fly K. Hurinukhrai and Co; 25 bales trust F F Campbell and Co.

Magdala s—150 bales cotton waste Nensey Peerbhoy.

FROM MARSEILLES.

Circassia s—22,000 cwts poppyseed, Ralli Bros; 7 tons Rosewood logs, J H Salehmahomed.

Suevia s—2,000 cwts linseed, Volkart Bros.

FOR BARCELONA.

Circassia s—100 bales cotton The New Mofussil Co; 233 bales cotton, Finlay Muir and Co.

FOR GENOA.

City of Madrid s—200 bales cotton, J A Begbie and Co

FOR KOBE.

Ceylon Maru s—100 bales cotton C Ebrahim and Co, Ceylon s—200 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 100 bales cotton N Futehally and Co.

Istock s—200 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 200 bales cotton N Futehally and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Capri s—3 bales cotton, Ralli Bros; 87 cwts ooplate M H E Ellias.

FOR OSAKA.

Ceylon Maru s—50 bales cotton P Visram and Co.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

Bombay "Government Gazette" May 16.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

The Temporary appointment of Mr. Ali Muhammad Hasan Ali as Additional First Class Subordinate Judge and Asst Sessions Judge, Sukkur-Larkana, to terminate on the 31st May.

Mr Waman Narayan Rahurkar, Acting First Class Subordinate Judge of Ratnagiri, is invested with the jurisdiction of a Judge of a Court of Small Causes for the trial of suits cognizable by such Courts up to the amount of Rs. 500.

Mr Maganlal Bhaidas, acting Mamlatdar, taluka Olpad in the dist of Surat, is appointed, to be a Magte of the Second Class in that dist.

Mr Chimanlal Maneklal Jhaveri, B A, L L B, passed on the 6th May an examination in Marathi according to the Higher Standard.

Vice Mr J A Saldanha, transferred to Foreign Service, with effect from the 1st June :—Mr Ezra Reuben, on reversion to British Service, to be Second Class Subordinate Judge, Haveli and Vadgaon and Mr Temuras Navroji Sanjana, Second Class Subordinat Judge, Haveli and Vadgaon, to be Second Class Subordinate Judge, Alibag.

Mr Temuras Navroji Sanjana within the local limits of the ordinary jurisdiction of the Second Class Subordinate Judge's Court, Alibag, is invested with the jurisdiction of a Judge of a Court of Small Causes for the trial of suits cognizable by such Court up to the amount of Rs. 200.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Mr J K N Kabraji has been allowed an extension of leave on medical certificate for six months.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr M Visvesvaraya, B A, L C E, M Inst C E, Exec Engr, 1st Grade, permanent, and Suptg Engr, Class III, substantive pro tem, is appointed to act as Suptg Engr, Southern Division, in addition to his own duties as Sanitary Engr to Govt vice Mr Beale, or until further orders. The arrangements, placing the Godaveri, Mula, and Kukari Surveys for Protective Works under the Suptg Engr, Southern Division, as well as the surveys for Protective Works within the Southern Division, will continue.

The three weeks' privilege leave granted to Mr R S Baindurkar, Mamlatdar of Haliyal in the Kanara Dist having been extended by three days, the acting appointment already made will continue.

Mr Ghulam Ali Ghulam Mustapha, Dist Abkari Inspector, Jalalpor and Chorasi Talukas, Surat Dist has been granted privilege leave of absence for one month with effect from the 3rd May and Mr Behramsha Dhanjisha Nasikwala, Abkari Sub-Inspector, Jalalpore Taluka, appointed to act for him in addition to his own duties.

Shankerlal Bhulabhai, Third Grade Local Fund Vaccinator, Dholka West Taluka, Ahmedabad Zilla, was granted privilege leave from 5th March to 15th April inclusive, and Marilal Mugatram, Candidate Vaccinator, Ahmedabad Zilla, was appointed to act for him.

PUBLIC COMPANIES MEETING.

THE SASSOON SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY.

AN extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Company was held yesterday at the registered office, Forbes Street, Mr. S.E. Shellim presiding. The following resolution passed on the 1st inst. were duly confirmed:—

That the B shares of the Company be consolidated in such manner that every two of the existing B shares shall constitute one share of Rs. 1,000, upon which the sum of Rs. 1,000 shall be credited as having been paid. That the existing certificates of the B shares be called in by the directors and that new certificates of shares of Rs. 1,000 each be issued and every holder of every two B shares be given one certificate of share of Rs. 1,900 each. That in the case of any holder of the B share holding only one B share or an odd number of B shares a receipt be issued in respect thereof upon which a sum of Rs. 500 shall be credited for every such one, or odd share so held and that in case of any holder hereafter becoming the holder of two such receipts he shall forthwith exchange the same for a new certificate of one share of Rs. 1,000. That clause 5 of the memorandum of association and article 4 of the articles of association of the Company be modified as follows:—namely for the figure "1,500" substitute 2,250, and omit the words "and 1,500" shares "of Rs. 500 each called B shares." That the last words commencing from "Provided" and ending with "1897" both inclusive, in article 126 of the articles of association of the Company, be omitted.

THE CITY OF BOMBAY BUILDINGS COMPANY.

The second ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the above Company was held at the Empire Theatre, Hornby Road, yesterday, at 5 p.m., when Mr. S. A. Nathan, chairman of the Board, presided. The following report was submitted at the meeting:—

The director beg to submit to the shareholders their second annual report. In accordance with the special resolutions passed by the shareholders of the Company, the capital of the Company has been increased from Rs. 4 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs by the creation of 1,200 new shares of Rs. 500 each. Out of the 1,200 new shares 500 shares have been allotted. No new properties have been acquired since the date of the last report. The Empire Theatre is expected to be ready for opening in November or December next. All the other buildings also are making good progress.

The Report with the audited balance sheet for the last year was adopted. Mr. S. A. Nathan was re-elected a director, and Messrs. Bhaidas Itcharam and N. S. Jmeetji were appointed Auditors for the current year. A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *May* 15.] [BOMBAY, *May* 16,

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus
2½ per cent, Consols ...	84 13/16		1/16
3 do. Rentes	95	unchd	
3 do. Sterling Loan ...	98		¼
3½ do. Govt. Securities ...	85½	1/16	
Bar Silver in London ...	30 7/16	1/16	
Do. do. 2 months' hence	30 1/16	unchgd	
Do. in New York ..	65½	½	
Exchange on London at Paris ...	25·14¼	½	
Do. do. do. Berlin,	20·45½		¼
Do. do. do. New York,	4·86¼	unchgd	
Discount Bank of England Rate,	4	Since 25 Apl	
Do. Short London Bills, 3 months' sight ...	3½	unchgd	
Do. Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' sight ...	3½	unchgd	
Do. 3 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	3½	unchgd	
Do. 6 Months' Fine Trade Bills ...	3½	unchgd	
Interest Day-to-day Loans ...	2½	½	
Do. 7-day Market Loans ...	2½	½	

Amount paid into the Bank of England, £150.000
Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate)... 1s. 3 23/32d. +1/32d.

Council Bills :-
At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills on India to-day for Rs. 40,00,000—

Rs.	5,00,000	were allotted to Calcutta.
,,	5,10,000	,, ,, to Bombay.
,,	5,00,000	,, ,, to Madras.
Rs.	15,10,000	at 1 4 1/16d.

Average rate of allotment Calcutta and Bombay 16·06

TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFERS :—

Rs.	5.00.000	were allotted to Calcutta.
Rs.	7.00.000	were alloted to Bombay.
Rs.	3.00.000	were alloted to Madras.
Rs.	15,00,000	at 1s. 4 3/32d.

Average rate of allotment Calcutta and Bombay 16·09
Total amount of Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday evening, including last Public Sales ... ... Rs. 56,00,000
Amount to be allotted next week... Rs. 40,00,000

COTTON.

Liverpool :-

Spots	...Quiet
Futures	...Quiet
East Indian... ...	...Quiet
Manchester	...Firm
Total Sales	...10,000 bales.
Sold on Speculation and for Export...	500 bales.
Imports	... 3,000 bales.
Mid-Americans ...	...6·91 + 09
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown	...10 5/16 unchd

Future Delivery Prices :-

May-June	June-July	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.
6·42 +08	6·33 +08	6·28 +08	6·18 +10

Sep.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.
6·11 +13	6·02 +13	6·00 +13	5·98 +13	5·98 +14

New York:-

Receipts at U. S. Ports ...		11,000
Do. do. last year...		11,000
Exports to Great Britain ...		5,000
Do. to Continent ...		17,000
Spot Cotton—12·05 unchgd.		
Futures—Month of July	10·81—09	Advanced early owing to firm cables and declined later through liquidation.
Do. do. Dec.	10·96+06	

New Orleans—
Spot Cotton—11 1/32 unchanged.
Futures—Month of July 11·78—04
Do. do. Aug. 11.56 + 03
Closing Tone of Futures.—Steady.

WHEAT.

Tone of Wheat—Firm.

SEEDS.

Rapeseed :-
Yellow Gujarat, per 416 lbs., 85 % ex-ship 54/ May-June—Havre—Seller Canal.
Brown Cawnpore 51/ June-July—Hamburg—Sellers Canal.
Tone of Rapeseed.—Firm.

Linseed :-
Bombay per 416 lbs., ex-ship 48 May-June.—Hamburg—Sellers Canal.
Tone of Linseed—Firm.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee :-
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality) 6/ unchanged.

Sugar :-
German granulated Sugar, double bags, C. and F. India 12s. 9d.
Months of Shipment.—July—August—Sellers.
Tone of Sugar—Quiet.

Beef and Mutton Tallow—
Finest Australian Beef Tallow ... 35s. 9d.
,, ,, Mutton Tallow ... 37s.
General tone of Tallow Auction ... Firm.

ARRIVALS :—
"Calthness," "King Howell," "Poliwesien."

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Vessel.	Importer.
2 Bundles Rupees	Rs. 4,000	Basrah	Dwarka	Mack Mackenzie & Co
1 Bundle Rupees	800	C Mandvie	Dwarka	Mack Mackenzie & Co
1 Case Sovereigns	18,000	London	Peninsular	Cox & Co
1 Bundle Rupees	1,000	Koweit	Dwarka	S Elizar
9 Bundles Rupees	26,000	Muscat	Dwarka	Sundry Natives

BOMBAY MARKETS.

THURSDAY EVENING,] [16TH MAY, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Money :-
The Bank of Bengal to-day reduced its rate for demand loans on the security of Government Paper by one per cent. to five per cent. per annum.

Exchange :-
The Market opened irregular to-day. Most Banks were selling at 1s. 4 1/32d. T. T. and 1s 4 1/16d. for demand Bank bills, but others were offering 1/32 better for delivery this week and a fair amount of T. T. was sold at 1s. 4 1/16d. The credit rate opened at 1s. 4 9/32d. 3 months' sight and some bills came out for near delivery, and at the close it is doubtful if Banks will buy under 1/4 5/16 3 months' sight for any delivery. So far bills have not been offeredat that rate, Far Eastern rates are steady. We quote :—

T. T. on London	1s. 4 3/8 to 1/16d.
Demand Draft	1s. 4 7/8 to 3/32d.
Credits— 3 months' sight ...	1s. 4 9/32 to 5/16 d.
Do. 6 months' sight ...	1s. 4 7/16d.
Do. 3 months' sight—France	170¼ to ¼
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks	129¼
Hongkong—30 days' sight ...	158
Yokohama—30 days' sight ...	150½
Shanghai— 30 days' sight ...	216

Government Paper :-
The Market opened at 98 for cash and settlement, advanced to 98 1/16 when it became known that the Bank of Bengal rate was reduced to 5 per cent. but later on again fell to 98, only to close at 97 7/8. There has been a moderate business passing in the Bazaar, but in the afternoon some Marwari dealers were selling, hence the decline which is probably only temporary. We quote :—

Cash	97·14
1st Settlement	97·14

Bullion :-
Bar silver in London is slightly firmer ready and two months' delivery being both quoted at 30 5/16 per ounce. New York is also firmer, their quotation being 1/8 higher at 65 5/8. Our local Market has also been firmer, at opening ready bars were quoted at 80 1/16 but improved to 80 1/4 exduty. Forward rates are given below. Bar gold is steady. We quote,

	Rs.	A.	P.
English Bar Gold	24	2	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	1	0
Bombay Bar Gold	24	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	0	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	15	0	0
Silver ex Duty—Ready	80	4	0
Ditto 1st Settlement ...	77	8	0
Ditto 2nd ,, ...	77	4	0

COTTON.

Market Report :—
The market is steady with prices in some cases rather stiffer, but there is little doing in contracts.

There was a good demand for Spot cotton at Colaba, shippers being the better buyers. The enquiry ran chiefly on Broach and high class Bengals and Oomras, and full prices are offering for choice lots, selection being difficult. Mills were buying quietly, Oomras and Barsi styles being in demand, as also Bengals and Broach.

New Crop is firmer but there is little or nothing doing.

QUOTATIONS :—

	Rs.	Delivery.
Fine M. G. Broach ...	272/73	May
Fine ,, Nagpur Kampti ...	230	,,
Fine ,, Damangaum Pulgaon.	211	,,
Fine ,, Khangaum Akola ...	205/3	,,
Fine ,, Amraoti...	205/6	,,
F. G. ,, Khandeish...	181	,,
Fine ,, Khandeish ...	191	,,
Fine ,, Bengals ...	183	,,
Good Westerns ...	246	,,
Good Saw Ginned Dharwar ...	250/51	,,

NEW CROP.

Good M. G. Broach ...	Rs.	256	March/08
Fully Good H. G. Bengals...	,,	186	Jan/08
Fine M. G. Bengals ...	,,	201	
,, ,, Khangaum Akola	,,	219/20	,,
Fully Good M. G. Khandeish	,,	201	,,

Liverpool Opener—

Opening tone	Steady.
Estimated Sales	10,000 bales
Total Imports	2,000 ,,

Future Delivery prices :—

May-June.	June-July	July-Aug	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct
6·40 —02	6·31 —02	6·26 —02	6·16 —02	6·08 —03

Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb
6·00 —02	5·97 —03	5·95 —03	5·95 —03

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed :—
The market is quiet but steady with business passing at the following prices :—

Ready	...	Rs. 8	1	0 B. T.
May	...	,, 8	6	0 R. T.

Rapeseed :—
The market is firm and we quote as under :—

Brown Cawnpore	...	Rs. 8	10	0
Yellow Guzerat	...	,, 9	4	0

Gingellyseed :—

Yellow Hingunghat	... Rs.	55	8	0
Black Kutnt	... ,,	47	0	0

Tone—Steady, prices nominal.

Castorseed :—
... Rs. 36 0 0
Tone—Steady.

Cottonseed :—
... Rs. 22 0 0
Tone—Firm.

Groundnuts :—
... Rs. 43 0 0
Tone—Steady.

Poppyseed—
The market is steady at Rs. 10 for ready.

Wheat :—
Market firm. We quote as under :—
White Delhi ... ...Rs. 4 13 0

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks :-

Bombay	1,400
India	54½

Mills :-

David	345
Empress	365
Kohinoor	650
Manekji Petit	3,030

Presses :-

Breul's Cawnpore	210
Hingoli	125
New Mofussil	805
New Berars	525

Miscellaneous :-

Bombay Flour Mill	945
Bombay Steam Nav. Preference ...	272½
Colaba Land and Mill	935
Treacher and Co.	601

Railway :-

Amritsar-Patti	115
Tapti Valley	452½

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m., yesterday.—

Cotton	8,542	bales.
Wheat	21,480	cwts.
Linseed	16,605	,,
Rapeseed...	15,003	,,
Gingellyseed	231	,,
Poppyseed	9,111	,,
Groundnuts	415	,,
Castorseed	1,696	,,
Rice	12,447	,,
Myrabollams	315	,,
Cottonseed	17,133	,,
Mowraseed	Nil	
Gram	2,827	,,
Joowar	277	,,
Maize	Nil	

KARACHI FREIGHT MARKET.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, MAY 16.

Bookings during the week have been steady and on Saturday a large line of 7,000 tons for various ports was done by speculators at various rates. The bulk of the engagements has been made for June and July, but some bookings have also been made for August at 15s. for London and Hull. Bombay speculators are reported short of freight for May and June and owners are asking high prices for these positions. No charters have been reported during the week.

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

DAVIS—May 9, at Clifton, the wife of Captain Gronow Davis, a daughter.
FERGUSON-DAVIE—May 8, at Dunga Gali, the wife of Major Ferguson-Davie, 39rd Sikhs, F. F., of a son.
LAWRENCE—May 13, at Naini Tal, the wife of Major Hugh Lawrence (East Surrey Regiment), Brigade Major, Fyzabad Brigade, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

CASH—BARKER—May 7, at Benares, Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, by the Rev. C. P. Capp, William Cash, Superintendent, Water Works, to Isabella Lindsay Barker, by License.

DEATHS.

ATKINSON—May 10, at Lovedale, Ootacamund, the Rev. Aug. Wm. Atkinson, M. A., Principal of the Lawrence Asylum, Ootacamund, aged 69.
PETTER—May 8, at Naini Tal, Mary Ellen Petter, eldest daughter of the late George Edward Petter, of North Devon.

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THE PRINCE OF THE ASTURIAS.

THE compliment which Spain has paid to England by naming the little Prince of the Asturias "Eduardo" after King Edward, whose sanction had to be formally obtained to the wedding of the parents, will ensure the maintenance of the keen interest which the people of England have manifested in the advent and well-being of this fortunate princeling. For months the superstitious but good-natured Spaniards have been watching with keen avidity the signs and portents from which they might draw the horoscope of the little Heir of Spain. So great was the loyal curiosity of King Alfonso's subjects upon the matter that the royal physicians were repeatedly induced to give the probable date of Queen Victoria's *accouchement* —and their dates all proved to be wrong. So far back as April 22 the chief Spanish Physician to Queen Victoria announced that Spain's "young hopeful" might be born that day, but King Alfonso and his people had still to wait nearly three weeks. The condition of the weather, the position of the stars, the winds and the tides, the cards, the crystal, the witches, the priests, and the Spanish *Old Moore* have, it may be confidently assumed, been consulted as to the future of this morsel of royalty, whose advent into this vale of kisses has been made a world-topic for the last six months. And perhaps the Spaniards were not without rhyme for their anxiety, or reason for their methods. For, among other things, they remember that before the present King was born, a tempestuous gale raged over Castile for days. Immediately Alfonso was born, it dropped. An augury of good for Spain was drawn from this simple circumstance, which has not remained unfulfilled. Though he is young yet, Alfonso has already been more frequently face to face with death than most soldiers, but he remains unharmed. While his courtiers have fallen at his elbow to the weapons of the anarchists, King Alfonso remains unscathed. His arms have suffered adversity in war, but his people are thankful for the respite from internecine strife which the King's reign has assured them. So the augury which they drew from the elements on the night of May 17, twenty-one years ago, may be said to have been amply justified.

What fate the seers have in store for Spain's baby prince we do not know, but the prompt association of the infant with England in its christening serves to remind us that the date of the royal baby's birth was one of no small significance in the annals of England—and India. Significantly, too, the next day, May 11th, was the anniversary of the death of Mr. Spencer Perceval, the only English Prime Minister who was assassinated. It is just half a century since the Spanish royal baby's paternal grandfather was born. He made his appearance as Heir of Spain, but his mother, Queen Isabella, had presented her people with a Prince of the Asturias seven years before, yet, though he was described to the waiting multitude as a "robust boy," he only survived three days. King Alfonso and his little son may boast that their coming into the world interested more people than did the advent of any other two people, father and son, within living memory. Alfonso himself was an even more interesting baby twenty-one years ago than his little six-day-old son is now. Six months before his birth his father, Alfonso XII, had died at the early age of twenty-eight, in the Palace of the Prado, near the capital, a martyr to the sense of duty that had kept him so long in Madrid, the dry, windy city that sends all its consumptives to their graves. Alfonso XII was a bright young officer, who had been called from his studies at Sandhurst to the throne of Spain. His tact, *savoir faire*, and devotion to his people, shewn in the time of the cholera visitation and the floods in Murcia, had done much to keep the turbulent elements in check, and the country, worn out by the long struggles of rival factions, was glad to be at rest. He died, and Spain passed into the hands of his widowed Queen, while the country was faced with the spectre of coming struggles over the succession, for Alfonso's Queen had only presented him with daughters. And no country then had, and still has, such bitter memories of Civil War as Spain. Ten years before the death of Alfonso, Spain had been the scene of a sanguinary struggle between the Royal troops and the Carlists all over the question of the succession. Hence, when it was known that Alfonso's widow might still become the mother of a male heir to the Throne, the world's interest became centred in the happy event, and the appearance of the child, who was a King immediately he drew breath, did more for the peace of Spain than a score of Hague Conferences could have done.

But the little Alfonso was only one life, and the successional spectre has ever been before the Spanish people. Don Carlos still lives, and though he is rarely heard of outside his adopted city of Venice, he is still a menace to the calm of Spain. That is why the people have shewn such immense interest in the birth of the Prince of the Asturias. In him, the Spanish people see the perpetuation of the peace which came with his father, and which their tired country so ardently longs for. There was, it may be remembered, a little Prince of the Asturias right up to a few days ago, when the Heir of Spain was born. That little Prince is now five and a half years of age, he having been born on November 30 1901. He is the eldest son of King Alfonso's late sister, who married Prince Charles of Bourbon. She died when giving birth to a daughter two or three years ago. Her other son died at the age of two in August, 1905. Between King Alfonso and female succession to the Throne of Spain there has thus been one life during the last five years. But that life was not one which would do much for peace, for the little Prince of the Asturias was the offspring of a very unpopular marriage—so unpopular indeed, that when King Alfonso's sister was wedded to Prince Charles it was found necessary to place the control of the capital in the hands of General Weyler, of Cuban fame, in order to secure the peaceful celebration of the marriage. And when the first child of the marriage was born—the child who has been heir-presumptive to the Throne until six days ago—the students paraded the streets of Madrid shouting "Down with Caserta," the child's father, Prince Charles, being a son of the Count of Caserta. When Alfonso's sister married Prince Charles of Bourbon-Caserta, the prospect presented itself, had anything happened to King Alfonso, of his sister being Queen of Spain, and her husband King Consort. That prospect was not pleasing to the Spaniards and against such a development the old unquiet elements in Spain would have risen up again. Hence another reason for the joy of the Spaniards at the birth of a son and heir to King Alfonso and Queen Victoria.

All the world will wish the little Prince of the Asturias long life and a prosperous reign when his turn comes. Some day, perhaps, he may be known as King Edward of Spain, and while Royal alliances are restricted to a dozen families, he may follow in his father's footsteps and take an English bride. In which case we can wish him no greater felicity than was brought to the first of our English Edwards, who took a bride from Spain in the person of Eleanor of Castile. Edward married Eleanor in Spain in 1254, while he was yet Prince of Wales, and eighteen years before he ascended the throne of England. It was this Eleanor who saved her warrior husband's life in the Holy Land by sucking the poison from a wound inflicted by a Saracen dagger. She died at Herdeby in Nottinghamshire, when she was accompanying King Edward to Scotland, whither he was journeying to settle the succession to the Scottish throne. The King abandoned his journey and returned to London with the body of his Queen. This return was made in these stages—Lincoln, Grantham, Stanford, Geddington, Northampton, Stony Stratford, Dunstable St Albans, and the then village of Charing. At each of these places where the Queen's body rested for the night the King erected "a goodly cross to her grateful memory." The life of Eleanor of Castile is thus summarised by an old chronicler: "She was married to King Edward when Prince, was crowned with him, and lived his wife, in lovely participation of all his troubles and long voyages, thirty-six years." May equal felicity be the portion of King Alfonso and his English Queen.

THE BRITISH NAVY.

"THE Navy and the Duty of the Nation towards it" was the subject of an address by Lieutenant H. T. C. Knox, late R.N., Organising Lecturer of the Navy League, at the Junior Constitutions. Club recently. His remarks have been published in pamphlet form and are deserving of noticel The Nation, we think, is fully alive to its duty towards the Navy. We should like to feel sure that the Navy is as sensible of its duty to the nation. The feeling in this country is, of course, that by recent reorganization the importance, if not the efficiency, of the East India Squadron has been impaired and that India no longer gets the value of its contribution towards the defence of her coasts. But the Lords of the Admiralty would not admit this for a moment, though there can be no doubt that we have not now the same tangible evidences of adequate naval defence as formerly. Whether we need even the number of ships that are vouchsafed to us, however, is debatable. India is a continental country which must be defended as the continental countries of Europe are defended—by its Army. And it is gratifying to know that we possess more efficient military defence to-day than ever before. It has been suggested that the Royal Indian Marine could be so far developed as to furnish all the maritime defence India is ever likely to require. But the Admiralty would as strenuously oppose such a scheme as it does the Australian idea of a colonial navy. It would never approve the re-institution of an Indian Navy notwithstanding the brilliant record of the old service in the past. Yet it would be difficult to arouse India to a sense of duty to the Navy, and we are not sure that the fault lies altogether with the people. We have, at the present time, for example, three large fighting-ships in the Bombay harbour, but they might as well be in Mauritius for anything they do to impress Bombay. Little is seen of the men from one week's end to another, except in pleasure-seeking couples, after nightfall. When the American squadron visited us their blue-jackets were more in evidence, and at the time the German Seeadler was here we were able to witness ashore some of the smartest evolutions that could be expected of a picked detachment of soldiers. But the parades we occasionally see on the Esplanade in the early mornings at the present time, with all respect, are scarcely such as are calculated to bring home to the tax-payers of India the feeling that their duty towards the Navy is greater than they have hitherto imagined. The weather is hot and blue-jackets and marines are but men after all. Still we hope when they return in the cold weather we may see them to better advantage and that they may illustrate the declaration of Lieutenant Knox and the Navy League that, as the safety of the British Empire depends almost entirely on the British Navy, it is the duty of everyone of us to support it and to demand that it be kept up both in strength and efficiency. "It will depend entirely upon whether the Nation in peace-time does, or does not do, its duty to the Navy; whether the Navy in war-time will be able to do its duty to the British Empire," said Mr. Knox, and it is undoubtedly true; but the Navy must inspire such confidence as will lead the Nation to give it the support it requires.

THE NEW COMPANIES BILL.

THE new Companies Bill which has been introduced by the House of Lords should prove popular in both Houses, for it is founded on the report of the Board of Trade appointed to consider the question of Company Law, and presided over originally by the present Lord Chancellor and later, for the greater number of its sittings, by Mr. Warmington, K. C. The reason of the formation of the committee was the recognition that the old elaborate law did not cover all the ground. An example may be given, namely, that though it was provided that every prospectus should be filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, no provision was made for enforcing the order, as no penalty followed on failure to obey. This, however, as with other details, is insignificant in comparison with the real objects of the Bill. It has been found that both the spirit and the legal reading of the old law have acted hardly upon certain legitimate trade customs. But the first object of the new Bill is to exact greater and more effective publicity. The fierce light that, under the 1900 Act, beats upon a company issuing a prospectus and inviting public subscriptions is to envelope also the company that does not issue a prospectus. The latter, it is intended, shall file with the Registrar "a statement in lieu of prospectus" containing the essential particulars that an intending investor would take into consideration. To those concerns that are obviously private—*e. g.*, a family business that takes advantage of the statutory protection without approaching the investor,—and to those alone is exemption granted; and for this purpose the bill projects a definition of a "private company" as one "which consists of not more than thirty members, and which, by its articles, restricts the right to transfer its shares, and prohibits (*a*) the increase of the number of its members to more than thirty, and (*b*) any invitation to the public to subscribe for any shares or debentures." It remains to be seen what restriction will be considered sufficient for the purpose. But all companies, public and private alike, are to be required to come into a large publicity. Another point is the proposal to empower the Courts to grant relief to directors liable under the Companies Acts in cases of "honest oversight, inadvertance] or error of judgment" or for negligence or breach of trust when they have acted honestly and reasonably. This is based on the Committee's pious conclusion that "nothing could be more unfortunate than that provisions designed for checking or punishing dishonesty or gross negligence should be turned into an engine of oppression for honest and prudent men." Under the present conditions there seems no doubt that the pluralist and purely ornamental director still takes up a large part of the financial field which might be far better occupied.

"UNEARNED INCREMENT."

SOCIALISM would seem to be the root of the Government's Land Policy. Recently, speaking in London, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman drew attention to the difference between the rural and the urban questions. The proposals provide for making a separate valuation on land, apart from buildings and improvements, and this is preparatory for a revision of the rating system in urban areas and an indirect way of acquiring private property for one section of the public at the rate least equitable to the owners. "It was undesirable and unjust, he said, "that there should be a diversion from public to private hands of a large part of the results of improvements made by the community, and the wealth, not only of those improvements and their value, but the wealth which had accumulated by the mere fact of the collection of so many human beings within a given space, and the more the burden of rating could be transferred the better it would be for them." The main point—and it was entirely ignored by the Premier—is that these improvements, such as better roads and paving, lighting and the other benefits which life in a town confers, are the result of the enterprise of those who have had foresight and have invested money in land so situated as to become increasingly valuable. And also it should be remembered that all the public improvements have been paid for directly or indirectly by the ground landlord. But the socialist policy seems to break down when it comes to practice. At the particular meeting at which the Premier spoke a lady gave due notice that she would move an amendment to the resolution concerning the allocation of Crown lands to the starving unemployed. The result, when she attempted to do so, was that the stewards of the meeting forcibly ejected her. The starving unemployed, most of whom have accepted relief, have no votes and so were outside the pale of this form of philanthropy. As regards the rural question the Premier's utterances can be summed up as being a scheme whereby to force the expenditure of the profit of the land in such a way that it can only bring in an inadequate return and that merely problematical. By forcing the provision of a certain amount of luxury it is hoped to revive agriculture, the object apparently being to get as much land under cultivation and in as small sections as possible without reference to the fact that an industry which is dwindling from lack of profit can hardly be expected to revive under compulsory extra expenditure. Agriculture, it would seem, is regarded as unlike all other industries which flourish best under the magnitude of individual enterprise. The case for small holdings has not yet been made out.

THE Australian Lloyd's s. s. *Koerber*, from Bombay, arrived at Trieste on the afternoon of the 15th instant. The same Co.'s s. s. *Persia*, from Japan, left Colombo for Bombay on the morning of the 16th instant, and is due here by the morning tide of the 20th instant.

IT is understood that the Nawab of Dacca has got his loan from Government at 3½ per cent.

THE German East Africa Line Steamer *Sultan* arrived at Mombassa from Bombay on the 15th instant.

THE N. Y. K. Steamer *Bombay Maru* arrived at Hongkong on the 15th instant, and sailed yesterday for Shanghai.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. *Caledonia*, with the outward mails of the 10th instant left Suez at 9-30 p.m. on Wednesday.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. *Arabia*, with the homeward mails of the 11th instant, arrived at Aden at 10-30 p.m. on Wednesday.

THE Commissioner hereby notifies that Mr. A. K. Leslie has been appointed a Municipal Councillor by Government in place of Mr. T. W. Cuffe, resigned.

A ONE-ACT play in the French language has been written by Queen Victoria of Spain. In all probability it will be produced by aristocratic amateurs at San Sebastian during the summer.

MR. WARE PLUMPTRE AUSTIN, I.C.S., (retired), died at Oxford on March 30 of pneumonia, aged sixty-five. His service of thirty five years was spent in the Madras Presidency. His last appointment was Collector of Sea Customs. He was also an additional member of Council.

DURING the week ending 14th May 588 1/2 chests of opium were removed from warehouse in Bombay. Of these 571 were shipped to China and one to Zanzibar. Fifteen and a half were purchased for the Bombay Government and one by the Farmer at Vala. During the week 293 chests were imported from Indore.

A CORRESPONDENT writes as follows to the *Pioneer*:—"As certain privileges attach to Mutiny veterans, it is strange that no steps have ever been taken to determine the claims of many who pose as Mutiny veterans. As a matter of fact many of those who have come to be recognised as Mutiny veterans are not such in reality. Only last month the deaths of two 'Mutiny veterans' were announced in the newspapers. Their ages were given as 60 and 65 years, and it was set forth in the case of each that he had performed distinguished services in those troublous times. Now those heroes must have been ten and fifteen years of age respectively in 1857, and one can easily imagine what feats of valour they must have performed during the mutiny. I know of others who pose as Mutiny veterans who must have been younger still in 1857."

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A TWENTIETH CENTURY CUPID,

BY

LILIAN QUILLER-COUCH

(*Author of "Roger Howard," &c.*).

BROTHERS and sisters should, of course, love one another, but it is not always either easy to do so—or cheap. This may be learned from the pretty little love-story of Jane Fitzalmond and Theocritus Brown, and Jane's young brother Adolf.

Jane's father had wished Jane's brother to be named "Thomas," but Jane's mother had wished for "Adolf," and as far as the boy's appearance went, his chosen name suited him, for he was a dreamy, poetic-looking child. The sort of child one pets, and shelters from the buffets of life's storms. The sort of child who, however often one came upon him, would always be found with the fingers of one hand on a volume of Keats's "Poems" and the forefinger of the other hand pressed to his pale brow. The sort of child one sends to a private school, that he may know nothing of the pains of fighting. And at the private school where Adolf Fitzalmond was sent, Theocritus Brown was a teacher.

Well, to return to the story.

Jane and her brother Adolf, their amiable parents being dead, lived with a well-off but slightly irritable uncle. Theocritus lived with a well-off but slightly snappy aunt. And Jane for her uncle and Theocritus for his aunt, while feeling a proper and honest affection, felt also a certain—a very certain—amount of fear.

When Jane and Theocritus first began to look at one another with eyes of something more than friendship, her Uncle Henry and his Aunt Marion had seemed to take the matter pleasantly and calmly enough if it ever occurred to them to notice such a very reticent pair of lovers at all. But bye-and-bye, when weeks had passed into months, and months were beginning to pass into years (for Jane and Theocritus were not at all impetuous, hasty folk), and the young people were still quite nicely-behaved and inoffensive, Jane and Theocritus began to be nervous, for Uncle Henry's irritability and Aunt Marion's snappiness became pronounced, and at times alarming, and seemed to be decidedly and uncomfortably turned upon the coy and hesitating lovers.

By the time Theocritus had really made up his mind to ask Jane to be his wife, and Jane had made up her mind that she could not live without Theocritus, Uncle Henry's manner towards Theocritus, and Aunt Marion's manner towards Jane had reached such a point that the lovers dare not confide to them their precious secret. For they were prudent young folks in a way, and in addition to the vials of wrath which they feared to bring down upon one another, there was a distressing feeling that gold and banknotes, on the contrary, might be brought down upon somebody else. Neither Jane nor Theocritus were blessed with wealth—they had hitherto done very well on expectations. They had so little wealth, in fact, that they were afraid to marry without consent, and to gain consent in the present state of Uncle Henry and Aunt Marion seemed to be beyond hopes.

This was the juncture at which the timid lovers considered it would be prudent to see less of one another, and Adolf became useful.

In the days of the gods we all know that Mercury, with his little wings at head and heels, was the hard-worked messenger. In this twentieth century the postman, in his blue suit with red pipings and brass buttons, takes Mercury's place. In the case of Jane and Theocritus, however, the postman was of very little use; for Jane, living some miles outside the small town where Theocritus taught in school, had only one post a day, and Uncle Henry always opened the post-bag. Then again the postman called in the evening for letters to go back, and Uncle Henry closed the post-bag. This was an excellent plan to ensure the safety of the letters, but not so excellent for a secret correspondence.

What better Mercury, then, could there be than dear little Adolf, going backwards and forwards each day between the lovers?

"I cannot live without fresh tidings of my dearest Jane," Theocritus would end a properly impassioned letter. And then he would hover about Adolf as that youth did up his satchel when school was over.

"There are a few lines, Fitzalmond," he would begin hesitatingly, "I should be glad if you would—would—ahem—"

But Adolf was such a dreamy chap, he did not seem to understand. He would look up with his far-away expression in his misty blue eyes, and say half reproachfully, "I did not get any lines to-day, sir. I did not incur any punishment."

"A—a little letter, I mean, Adolf," Theocritus would hasten to explain. "Just a short note, if you would carry it to your sister. I—h'm—I had to write her on a little matter—"fingering a coin. "H'm—and—and here is a shilling to get some gingerb—, I mean—buy a book, if you like, to read on the way."

"Thank you, sir," Adolf would say half-absently.

"Only," Theocritus would venture further, "I should be glad to have it delivered—the note, I mean—as quickly as possible.

"Oh," Adolf roused himself and brightened a little, "you are really interested about the letter. Of course I will do my best. Reading is enjoyable. I am always happy when I am reading; but of course," with a sigh, "I cannot walk fast if I read. However—"

"I should like you to walk rather fast to day," Theocritus would say with a gulp, substituting half-a-crown for the shilling.

Apparently Adolf did not notice either the coin or the substitution, but perhaps it was his good teacher's earnest voice which roused him to a still greater jerk of activity.

"I see you are really interested in my celerity, sir," he said, using some of the best words he could remember from his afternoon's lesson, "so certainly I will hasten with your letter to its destination."

On Jane's side it was just the same in the matter of her little notes of maiden love. Jane began at sixpence. She did try threepence once, but that did not even bring Adolf's finger from his brow, much less his thoughts from his dreamings; so, as I say, she began at sixpence.

And then, seeing that a shilling seemed to rouse the poetic boy and chain his dreamy eyes to earth rather better than the smaller, less attractive coin had done, and filled him with a deeper sense of the letter's importance, a shilling became the regular fee. It roused the de per sense fairly well for several weeks. Then spring came on, and the flowery meads and purling brooks were too much for the young poet, he wanted always to go the longer way, and do a good deal of lingering by them. Indeed they flowered and purled so very alluringly that Adolf was even late for supper one night, and Jane's fee rose to one and sixpence.

Through April and May it rose to half-a-crown, and throughout these blossoming months the young lovers, when they could not meet, corresponded in this silver-edged manner, and Adolf was their friend.

More than once poor Jane sighed when she changed a fresh sovereign from her quarter's allowance into silver, and darned and darned again the holes in the heels of her stockings. And more than once poor Theocritus snorted as he looked at the dwindling balance in his savings bank book. He, alas, did not darn and darn again his stockings, he darned and darned again—Adolf.

But for nearly eighteen months these unfortunate young lovers hugged their tender little secret, and paid "through the nose," as vulgar people say, for the fetching and carrying which Adolf did for them.

And then one day the end came—quite simply Uncle Henry had a fit of temper, and poor Jane had a guilty conscience and the two together brought about Adolf's highest and last fee.

"Loafing, philandering, brainless fools!" spat out Uncle Henry suddenly, as he strode in his dining-room, crumpling a letter in his hand.

Jane's fluttering heart almost ceased to flutter as she heard the words.

"Wh—wh—who is all that, Uncle Henry?" she stammered.

"Every idiot under fifty-five who thinks he's in love, and doesn't know his own mind," snarled Uncle Henry. Uncle Henry was just over fifty-five and always did know his own mind. "They should never darken my doors if this weren't such a confoundedly civilised country. I'd drown 'em in the duck-pond. Let 'em talk to me about love, that's all—" and fuming and spluttering he strode out again.

"Oh, whatever shall I do?" thought Jane wildly. "I know he means us. He must have found out something. Oh, what will be the end of it. Oh my, oh my!"

At that moment Adolf appeared strolling past the window, book in hand. Summer holidays had freed the poetic boy from lessons, and left him his glorious liberty. At the present moment his liberty seemed to him worth gold. Before many minutes had passed Jane also realised that Adolf's liberty was worth gold. In vain she declared "Adolf you *must* take a letter for me." Adolf did not seem to grasp the fact that it mattered whether the letter was taken that day or the next.

"I am about to have a little picnic," he remarked slowly, "a beautiful day by myself—with nature—"

"Never mind nature," exclaimed Jane, "you can have that old rubbish any day. I'll give you—a—a sovereign, if you'll take it for me, and be quick."

"Oh, dear Jane," he turned his limpid eyes on her, "are you troubled about something? Of course I will give up my little picnic if you are troubled."

"Dearest Theo," wrote Jane,

"Uncle has guessed something, and is in a dreadful rage. Do come to me. Shall I tell him all about it before you come?"

It was silly of Jane to put a quetion like that. It necessitated Theocritus's outlay of half-a-sovereign to wake up Adolf to the fact that he must not go the route round the hills to get home, but must go straight, on a bicycle.

"Oh, Theo," cried Jane, when at last she saw her lover's manly form. "Oh, what shall we do now?"

"Get married," said Theocritus grimly. "We shall find it cheaper in the end."

"But we must tell Uncle Henry that we are engaged."

"What!"

The lovers started as if they had been shot.

"Engaged!" shouted Uncle Henry, at their shoulders. "Do you mean to say that you are engaged!"

"Oh, forgive us, Uncle Henry," pleaded Jane. "We—we have been engaged some—months, but we were afraid you would be angry—and—"

"Well, I'm—" words failed Uncle Henry for the moment. When he had gulped a little he found his voice. "Here have I and your Aunt Marion," he turned to Theocritus, "been waiting round on you young idiots, till we've longed to knock your heads against the wall—"

"What were you waiting on us for?" asked Theocritus

"Waiting to get married, young man, when we could get you off our hands."

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And little Adolf?

Uncle Henry and Aunt Marion admitted that little Adolf had been a trusty little messenger between them also—though rather expensive towards the end.

Adolf's relatives are less fearful now than they used to be that he will die young—of poetry. In his desk, beneath his Keats, were discovered one spring-cleaning day several slips of paper—they were not poems, they were receipted bills for Dutch cheeses and pickled walnuts.

SECRET SOCIETIES IN CHINA.

Of the many riots and disturbances which have taken place in China during the last half-century or more, it would be safe to assume that the secret societies with which the country is honeycombed are more or less responsible for most. It is questionable whether foreigners, generally speaking, have any adequate conception of the power possessed by these organizations the ramifications of which are so comprehensive. A mere enumeration of the names of these societies fantastic and bizarre in the extreme as many of them are, would occupy considerable space. They are countless in number, protean in form and invariably shrouded in mystery. The influence of some of the leaders, controlling as they do many thousands of adherents is unique and far-reaching. There are few Chinese labourers, not to speak of multitudes in higher ranks of life who do not belong to a secret society. And so deeply ingrained in the Chinese heart and mind is this idea of the necessity of being associated together in this way, that no matter where his lot may be cast these secret organizations are sure to be found springing up and flourishing. The Highbinders of California, and kindred societies in Burma, the Straits Settlements and elsewhere afford abundant evidence of this fact. It is not too much to assert that possibly there is no other land where secret societies are so powerful and numerous—so well organized, elaborated and controlled—as they are in China. The accumulated experience of centuries has made the Chinese past masters in all that concerns the inception and carrying on of such organizations, and at the present time there is no reason why they should not become more influential than they have been in the past. On the contrary they appear to be as active and virile as ever, as potent, as heretofore for good or ill and as resourceful in devising ways and means for enforcing their behests and accomplishing their purposes.

It is obvious that any consideration of the social and political condition of the Chinese people, if it is to be worth anything, cannot afford to ignore this question. What is the *raison d'etre* for the existence of secret societies in China? What, moreover, has been accomplished by them in the past? And, again, how can they best be utilized at the present time in the strenuous efforts that are being put forth to elevate and enlighten the Chinese people and to bring the Celestial Empire into line with the civilized nations of the earth? Ostensibly the object of these societies, be they civil or military, orthodox or heterodox, is the cultivation and practice of virtue, a convenient phrase, which may signify little or much according to circumstances. There can, however, be no doubt that many of them owe their origin to the widespread corruption of officialdom in China with the resultant necessity laid upon the people of finding some method of defence against tyranny and injustice. The Chinese secret society is a trade union; it is all which that implies and much more; for acting independently of the official courts for the administration of justice, it has a secret tribunal of its own which adjudicates in cases affecting the interests of its members and not infrequently reverses the decisions of the recognized courts of justice; nor does it lack the power of inflicting adequate penalties on individuals who have come under its displeasure. From this point of view it will be seen as different writers on the subject have pointed out that these societies approximate to an appreciable extent to the Vehmic associations of Europe in the Middle Ages and may be said to constitute in themselves an *imperium in imperio*. In recent years this important subject has received considerable attention from foreigners living in the interior who are thus advantageously placed for its study. And many curious yet withal interesting particulars and details have been given to the world as the result of their investigations all helpful in the elucidation of the subject.

From what has already been advanced it is evident that the influence exerted by secret societies in China is not by any means altogether of a sinister nature. Anti-dynastic to a very pronounced degree many of them are whilst others are both anti-foreign and anti-Christian; nevertheless, it cannot be denied that no inconsiderable proportion of them have for their main object the protection of the rights of the people, the inculcation of virtue and the advocacy of those principles and practices which will tend to elevate and improve the masses. Some of them enjoin strict habits of vegetarianism on their members; others are opposed to opium and tobacco-smoking; some will not permit the indulgence in wine or other intoxicating liquors, whilst others are opposed to the worship of idols and will not not allow their members to offer incense at the temples and shrines. "Whoever" wrote Dr. Arthur Smith over a quarter-of-a-century ago, "is at sufficient pains to investigate with any minuteness the phenomenon of these organizations is at once struck with three facts the lack of originality, the background of fog, and the power of propagation of these societies. Subsequent investigators will be ready to acquiesce in the correctness of this statement. What has already been advanced as to the good object which many of these societies have in view must not, however, blind us to the well-attested fact that they frequently afford an excellent opportunity to unprincipled men and revolutionary adventurers to plot and scheme in secret against the powers that be. This fact has led the authorities to look with disfavour, not unmixed with fear, on such organizations and not infrequently to devise strong measures for their repression. At the same time the official fails are sometimes not averse from making use of their power and influence when they are of the opinion that it will be to their advantage to do so. On the whole it may be safely affirmed that, taking everything into consideration the secret societies of China will compare very favourably with many of those of other lands such as the Mafia, the Camorra and similar sec

INDIAN UNREST.

GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

Speech by Mr. Haldane.

ENGLAND'S PREPAREDNESS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, MAY 15.

In the House of Commons, Mr. O'Grady, referring to the statement in Reuter's telegram from Lahore of May 9th that stalwart rustics with bludgeons were entering the city, suggested that it was desirable to muzzle Reuter.

Mr. Morley, in reply, said that he had no official information with regard to rustics entering the City, and deprecated the circulation of rumours, many of which were baseless.

He felt sure that if he muzzled Reuter's Agency, Mr. O'Grady would be the first to object.

LONDON, MAY 16.

Mr. Haldane, speaking in London, said he did not disguise the fact that India caused the Government great anxiety, but he warned his hearers against attaching exaggerated importance to recent occurrences.

The Indian Government was striving its best to hold the scales of Justice even, but that was only possible by preserving law and order.

Should the necessity arise, said Mr. Haldane, the arm of the Crown in India would be found as strong as, if not stronger than, fifty years ago.

RESULT OF AGITATION.

Badmashes and Dacoits.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, MAY 16.

The *Civil and Military Gazette* writes :—

A not unnatural result of the unrest in which Lahore City and its environs were recently plunged by the mischievous energy of political agitators, has been the influx from far and wide of bands of enterprising badmashes rightly counting on the attention of the Lahore police being diverted by riot and threats of riots, from normal constabulary duties. As a result, dacoities have been frequent in the City, and the neighbourhood between Lahore and the Ravi is anything but safe at present for unprotected wayfarers. Reports of several bold outrages, including three murders, have reached us. Presumably the "stalwart rustics armed with bludgeons" referred to in a Reuter's Parliamentary cable to-day, are thus very substantially accounted for and doubtless, by this time, Mr. Morley's official information on the subject is more complete than it was.

THE MEETINGS REGULATION.

First Application of the Ordinance.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MAY 16.

The Khulna District Conference has been stopped by order of Mr. A. Ahmed, the District Magistrate.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DACCA, MAY 16.

Nawab Salimulla did not go to Narainguni yesterday, it is understood, being prevented by the authorities.

People, however, arrived from the interior to the number of three to four thousand, two or three hundred of these even came up to Dacca, when they heard that the Nawab was not there.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MAY 16.

A Comilla telegram says that punitive police have been posted at five Mahomedan villages at a cost of Rs. 500 a month.

AGIT SINGH.

Reward Offered for Capture.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, MAY 16.

Government have offered a reward of Rs. 500 for the apprehension of Ajit Singh.

LAJPAT RAI AT MANDALAY.

Account of the Travel.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RANGOON, MAY 16.

Lala Lajpat Rai arrived in Mandalay at 12-30 to-day without any incident.

I have interviewed a fellow-passenger. The tempestuous state of the weather in the Bay of Bengal delayed the earlier arrival of the R. I. M. S. *Guide* from Calcutta with Lajpat Rai, the political exile, aboard.

When the Alguada was reached the weather became very bad, rain and mist becoming so dense as to retard the passage of the *Guide*.

Lajpat Rai was quite ignorant of his destination.

He suffered terribly in consequence of the violent weather the vessel encountered at this time of the year in her voyage across the Bay of Bengal. His European and Native escort, who included a European Inspector, a young European Sergeant and eleven Pathan Constables of the Lahore police shared his great discomfort.

Before starting on his voyage from Diamond Harbour the escort of Lajpat Rai are credited with having found a sum of Rs. 350 upon him. This money they took charge of, for if he were not deprived of such political sinews of war which have aided him given the position and influence he enjoyed in the Punjab, it is just as likely he would have made an attempt to turn it to some pernicious account. Through news received through private agencies in Rangoon had informed Swadeshites here that their deposed leader was on his way to Rangoon, there was no attempt whatever made to accord a public demonstration in his favour. Had this been essayed the police of Rangoon would have promptly suppressed it. Immediately the news was received in town that the *Guide* had passed Elephant Point, the measures to be undertaken in connection with the disembarkation and despatch of the exile to Mandalay were quietly put into operation. Mr. Baines, the Commissioner of Police, accompained by Mr. Macmanus, Superintendent, Port Trust Police, and a European Sergeant put off in the launch "Dryan" from the Botatoung jetty and steamed down to Chowkey Point where they boarded the *Guide* and took charge of the prisoner who was found in a disconsolate mood in his cabin evidently brooding over his misfortune. The *Guide* encountered squalls and torrential rain on her passage up the Rangoon river. She came up and heaved to just abreast of the B. O. C. refineries and shortly after four o'clock, dropped her anchor right opposite Botatoung jetty.

The Rangoon Police Force supplied a European Sergeant and six European constables from the Mogul Guard. Once the *Guide* was given *pratique* by the Port Health Officer, preparation for landing the exile was immediately undertaken. His luggage which was of the scantiest description was soon bundled overboard into the launch "Dryan" Lajpat Rai quickly followed, escorted by his Lahore police guard and accompanied by the Rangoon Police officers.

Lajpat Rai was driven from the jetty to the Poozoondaung railway station where he was put into a reserved first-class coach and sent off to Mandalay in charge of the Commissioner of Police. At the railway station Lajpat Rai maintained his somewhat subdued and humble demeanour.

SILENT MOURNING FOR LAJPAT RAI.

More Resolutions of Protest.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MAY 16.

A public meeting was held in Tanjore yesterday evening in a Hindu temple, with Mr. Subramania Iyer, Mirasdar, in the chair, to protest against the deportation of Lala Lajpat Rai. Three resolutions were submitted to the meeting; one expressing sympathy with the family of Lala Lajpat Rai, the second protesting emphatically against the high-handed action of the authorities in dealing with him without trial, and third communicating the first resolution to Lala Lajpat Rai's family and the second to H. E. the Viceroy, to the Secretary of State, to Parliament and to H. M. the King.

There was not much speechifying it being considered an occasion of silent and solemn mourning.

The proceedings were intermingled with shouts of "Bande Mataram" from the juvenile section of the audience, provoked apparently by presence of the Inspector of Police at the meeting.

A meeting on somewhat similar lines was also held at Madura yesterday.

THE CLIVE MEMORIAL.

Lord Curzon's Inopportune Proposal.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, MAY 16.

No one probably would lay down absolutely the proposition that Englishmen are bound to consult the Bengalis when they have a mind to celebrate a national hero, but at the same time most of us will feel that an honorification of this sort should be attended with as much absence of opposition, dissent and bitterness, as possible.

It is obvious that a memorial statue to Clive in Bengal is not a project that can go with the grain of popular sentiment, and this being so we should look for a certain discretion and consideration in the manner of its introduction. If instead of this we find it brought forward at a moment when the Bengali mind is notoriously in a state of uneasiness and irritation, and that the sponsor is the ex-Viceroy whom they consider responsible for their grievances—a statesman who unfortunately never understood the Bengalis as they never comprehended him—the affair almost bears the character of a provocatin. It is never safe to predict what will or what will not touch the feeling of a man in the mass, much less of so curious a constituency as educated Bengal.

All that can be said is that the proposal is capable of rousing another outburst of patriotism and that this being so, Lord Curzon is not the person who should have been bringing it forward. A cynic might even suspect that it is not altogether to Lord Curzon's taste to see the wasps settling down, and that he has taken this means of poking them up so that Lord Minto may have his share. At any rate it would be interesting to know whether Lord Minto's Government has been sounded in the matter. It is quite certain that Lord Curzon in his day would have developed the strongest objections had any ex-Viceroy come out with a controversial scheme for the decoration of Calcutta without previous consultation with himself.

GOVERNMENT CONSULTING ARCHITECT.

Close of Mr. J. Ransome's Services.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, MAY 16.

Mr. James Ransome will vacate his appointment as Consulting Architect to the Government of India next Autumn, at the expiration of the five years' period for which his services were engaged.

The *Pioneer* understands that the question of his successor has not been finally settled, but as the work in the Consulting Architect's Office continues to be heavy, a successor will certainly be appointed soon.

FIRE AT CHAMPION REEF.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MAY 16.

The Kolar Gold Field correspondent of the *Madras Mail* writes yesterday morning :—

Smoke was observed coming up Glens shaft at the Champion Reef mine. It was found that a few timbers in the 1,340ft. level were burning, also some in the slope above. Hose-pipes were taken underground and in a short time water from Ribbledale shaft was playing on the fire with the result that it was soon entirely put out. In the afternoon work was resumed in the shaft. The fire has done no damage.

LIEUTENANT RAVEN'S FUNERAL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MAY 16.

The funeral of Lieutenant Raven took place at Trichinopoly on Tuesday evening with full military honours. The service was read by the Chaplain, Reverend S. J. Evans. The 86th Carnatic Infantry provided the firing party and band. The coffin was borne by officers of that Regiment and of the Volunteers. With few exceptions all the station was present to pay a last token of affection and esteem to their late comrade who was very popular among all classes.

It is generally believed that Lieutenant Raven fell down the well in the dark.

CHOLERA IN KASHMIR.

Assuming Serious Proportions.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, MAY 16.

Cholera epidemic in Kashmir is assuming serious proportions, the number of cases reported during the week ended May 13 being 1,731 and the number of deaths 817.

Srinagar which had hitherto escaped the ravages of the disease has now become affected, 17 cases and 10 deaths being reported during the week under notice.

In some towns the disease is decimating the population—notably Anantnagh—where 861 cases and 394 deaths are reported since November 1906.

The total number of cases of cholera recorded in Kashmir is 6,163 of which 3,366 have terminated fatally.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 16.

Lieutenant Ward, 124th Baluchis, has been nominated for appointment to the Zhob Levy Corps.

Lieutenant Kirkpatick of the Corps of Guides has been selected for appointment as Assistant Commadant, Chitral Scouts.

Lieutenant Farfan of No. 3 Mountain Battery has been appointed officiating Subaltern, No 27 Mountain Battery.

The tenure by Captain Umfreville of the appointment of Superintendent of Gymnasia in Poona is extended by one year.

The deaths are reported of Major J. F. Stewart of the 102nd Grenadiers at Netley on the 5th of May and of Lieutenant Raven of the 86th Infantry at Trichinopoly on the 13th of May.

Colonel E. J. E. Swayne, Indian Army, and Major W. E. A. Armstrong of the Indian Medical Service are permitted to retire from the service from the 10th and the 12th March 1907, respectively.

ITALIAN FOREIGN POLICY.

Speech by Signor Tittoni.

MEANING OF RECENT MEETINGS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, MAY 16.

Telegrams from Rome state that Signor Tittoni, speaking in the Chamber, said that his meeting with Prince von Bulow at Rapallo, and with King Edward at Gaeta, and King Victor Emmanuel's visit to Athens, were mutually complimentary, and represented a pacific, dignified and thoroughly loyal policy on the part of Italy.

THE RAND STRIKE.

Pretoria Volunteers Mobilising.

LONDON, MAY 15.

The strike of white labourers on the Rand is making little headway.

A large proportion of the men are refusing to join.

LONDON, MAY 16.

Owing to the strike on the Rand the Volunteers at Pretoria have been ordered to be ready to mobilise at an hour's notice.

CHRISTENING THE SPANISH HEIR.

The King's Representative.

LONDON, MAY 15.

Prince Arthur of Connaught will represent King Edward at the Christening of the Spanish Prince.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE IN AUSTRIA.

Pan-German Defeat.

LONDON, MAY 16.

Gains by the Socialists and defeats of the German and Czech Nationalists were general throughout Austria.

The Socialist-Democrats won 57 seats and the Anti-Semites or Christian-Socialists won 59 seats.

LORD CURZON TO ENTERTAIN HIS MAJESTY.

LONDON, MAY 15.

King Edward will spend Whitsuntide at Lord Curzon's new seat at Reigate Priory.

THE CONGO QUESTION.

Intervention of the Powers.

LONDON, MAY 16.

Speaking in the House of Commons Sir John Kennaway drew attention to the Congo question and Sir Edward Grey in reply said that sooner or a later there must be a change in the government of the Congo and that if the Belgian Government did not act without interference a Conference of the Powers would be necessary.

GOVERNMENT'S NAVAL POLICY.

Upheld by the League.

LONDON, MAY 16.

At the annual meeting of the Navy League a stormy meeting took place at which an amendment was rejected which condemned the Government's Naval Policy.

THE AMERICAN RAILWAY QUESTION.

Inflation of Securities to be Prevented.

LONDON, MAY 16.

The American Interstate Railway Commission finds that Railway competition has been suppressed over an area consisting of one-third of the United States and the Commission advocates the annulment of agreements between railways and effective laws to prevent the inflation of securities.

CORRUPTION IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Sensational Denouement.

LONDON, MAY 16.

A sensation was caused yesterday when Boss Abraham Rueff pleaded guilty to extortion in connection with municipal corruption which has long permeated all branches of civic life.

CRICKET.

LONDON, MAY 15.

Notts has beaten Leicestershire by an innings and 42 runs; Cambridge University has beaten Lancashire by an innings and 204 runs; M. C. C. has beaten Derbyshire by five wickets; Essex has beaten Sussex by ten wickets; and Yorkshire has beaten Gloucestershire by three wickets.

ARMY REORGANISATION.

A. A.-G. for Training.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 16.

Another step forward has now been made towards the completion of the organisation of Army Head-quarters in the confirmation by the Secretary of State of the already existing post of Assistant Adjutant-General for Training which is a small but essential factor in the whole.

MR. MARTIN HARVEY, opening a cafe chantant at Newcastle-on-Tyne, in aid of the funds of the Northern Command of the Legion of Frontiersmen, told of an occasion when a general and an actor were comparing the perils of their respective callings. "How would you like, sir, said the general, "to stand here with the shells all bursting around you?" "Well," said the actor, "that would depend upon the data of the egg."

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

KING AND QUEEN OF DENMARK.

Visit to England.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COLOMBO, MAY 16.

The following items of news later than the mail are taken from Australian papers :—

London, May 1.—King Frederick and Queen Louisa of Denmark visit England on the 8th of June and remain till the 13th idem.

ROYAL BANQUET.

Owing to the absence of the Queen in Athens, ladies are uninvited to the King's dinner to the Colonial Premiers.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S HEALTH.

Mr. Chamberlain progresses favourably in the Riviera and though limping with a weak knee walks daily with sticks.

CLOSING OF TRANSVAAL MINES.

The Kleinfontein and Vanryn deep Mines have decided to close owing to their funds being nearly exhausted and inability to raise sufficient more.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL CONTRACT.

Mr. Trevisa Clark spoke hopefully of the Australian Mail Contract, but negotiation are suspended pending reply to a telegram sent to Australia.

TORNADO IN BALTIMORE.

London, April 29.—The tornado of the 8th destroyed the village of Hemzug in Texas and killed eight persons.

Hailstone drafts were two feet deep on the railway impeding trains.

MRS. JULIAN STORY'S DIVORCE.

Mrs. Julian Story (Miss Emma Eames) *prima donna* is divorced from her husband.

LIVING STATUARY EXHIBITIONS.

In New York the Bishop of London, the Rev. Ledgett and the Nonconformist Ministers have begun a crusade against exhibitions of living statuary.

EARTHQUAKE IN STROMBOLI.

An earthquake has shattered the windows of houses in Stromboli and broke the cable connecting Lipari.

ROBERT ABBOTT'S RELEASE

London, April 30.—Reuter says that the British Consul at Salonica paid £13,500 sterling for the release of Robert Abbott who was kidnapped, the authorities refusing to pay.

London, May 4.—Britain has applied to Turkey for a refund of £13,500 paid for the release of the kidnapped Abbott.

THE DUMA.

In the Duma there was a stormy sitting the War Minister asking for 459,000 recruits. He said "you must give us soldiers" and quoted the law showing that the Tsar was empowered to fix the strength of the Military contingent.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

London, May 2nd.—Lord Curzon appeals for £250,000 to strengthen the Oxford University Endowments and to equip literary scientific learning on modern lines.

WARSAW STRIKE.

Owing to the general strike in Warsaw trade is suspended; meat and bread are unpurchasable.

ALBERT HALL CELEBRATION.

Albert Hall was packed at the celebration of Santley's Jubilee.

SCOTTISH LANDHOLDERS' BILL.

In the debate on the Scottish Landholders' Bill, Mr. Balfour charged Government with taking land and capital sunk in speculating therewith and making the owner bear the loss.

THE TESTIMONIAL FUND.

The Testimonial Fund will be open till next month. The Fund amounts to £2,000 sterling already.

TRANSVAAL LABOUR QUESTION.

London, May 3.—General Botha, at a dinner of the Transvaal Business Interests in his honour, said his Government would make drastic enquiries before dealing with the Labour Question. He desired to see the existing mines continue, and others opened up in the near future.

Lord Harris hailed his reference to the mines as a safe investment.

MEASLES IN SPANISH PALACE.

Children in the Royal Palace in Madrid are suffering from measles.

PORTSMOUTH NAVAL REVIEW.

The Naval Review at Portsmouth in honor of the Colonial Premiers was marred by rain. Sixty warships of the Home Fleet took part in realistic attack, culminating in a partial occupation of Port Sea Island and the expulsion of the enemy. The Premiers on the "Dreadnought" watched the mimic attack on her by torpedoes and submarines. During the review the Destroyer "Coquette" crashed into a coal hulk crowded with sightseers. The "Coquette's" bows were badly damaged and was consequently docked.

AUSTRALIAN REPATRIATES.

The "Atlantic" left Durban conveying 458 stranded Australians who had been repatriated.

SIR DENZIL IBBETSON.

Proceeds Home on Short Leave.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, MAY 16.

Sir Denzil Ibbetson proceeds to England, by next week's Mail steamer, to undergo a slight operation.

SIMLA, MAY 16.

Mr. Gordon Walker is now on short leave in Simla, Mr. Dowie officiating for him as Financial Commissioner. So the changes in the Punjab Government in consequence of Sir Denzil Ibbetson's regrettable illness can be reduced to a minimum, a vacancy only being created for a junior officer to officiate as Settlement Commissioner *vice* Mr. Dowie.

WE very much regret to hear that Sir Denzil Ibbetson, Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab who has been ailing for some little time, has now been pronounced to have cancer of the lip and throat and has been ordered Home by doctors immediately for treatment. His Honor leaves Simla for Europe next Wednesday on three months' leave, proceeding Home by the mail, and his friends look forward to seeing him back amongst them in the autumn. It is not yet settled who is to act for him, but Mr. Gordon Walker as Senior Member of the Punjab Government will no doubt be selected. Sir Denzil's enforced absence is especially unfortunate at the present juncture when his sympathy and wide knowledge was so much wanted in the province with which he has so long been connected.

PLAGUE IN INDIA.

Fall in Mortality Anticipated.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 16.

The anticipated fall in plague mortality throughout India can hardly be said to have yet begun. Returns for the week ending 11th instant, to-day published, show a total of 32,090 of which 60,000 occurred in the Punjab, 17,000 in the United Provinces, and 2,000 in Bengal.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

A BRILLIANT SEASON.

How to Wear Hats.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, APRIL 26.

The Opera opens on Tuesday. The Academy will throw open its doors a week to-morrow. Town is full. The London season has, in a word, begun, and an exceptionally brilliant season it promises to be for an Autumn session and the changed social conditions resulting from the popularity of motoring which has effectually bridged the gulf between town and country. Notwithstanding, Society still crowds the great social events of the year into the twelve weeks between now and Goodwood.

A spirit of light-heartedness has seized upon the West End. Times are good and the round of festivity in store will pour money into the coffers of the business West End. Already the hotels are full of American visitors, including a few millionaires, and the receptions, lunches, dinners and "At Homes" in honour of our Colonial guests have set the ball a-rolling thus early in the season. For once everything seems to have combined to make the season one of brilliant promise. In the first place—and this is very important—there is a feeling that the King and Queen will entertain a great deal more than has been their custom. Two State Balls and two more Courts will be held at Buckingham Palace, but these are more or less annual fixtures and it is as a dinner host that it is popularly rumoured we shall see more of His Majesty. And then we are to have an unusual number of foreign Royalties as our guests. King Haakon and Queen Maud and the favourite of favourities, Baby Olaf, are due to arrive when the season is at its height, and another of our English Princesses—Princess Margaret of Connaught—is coming with her husband Prince Gustavus Adolph and their baby son. The Crown Prince and Princess of Roumania—the latter one of the prettiest of Royal ladies—are coming, and so is the Duchess Mario of Coburg and her daughter Princess Beatrice. Yet another very interesting foreign guest is Prince Fushimi of Japan, in whose honour the King will give a banquet.

THE FASHIONABLE DINNER HOUR.

The number of hostesses is this year far beyond the average, so many young married women are taking their part in the season's entertaining. The big "crush" will however be conspicuous by its absence and the dance dinner in the chosen form of entertainment and the "dance dinner" in its turn is bringing about an interesting little revolution in our hours of dining. For some mysterious reason, possibly because it is the hour adopted by Royalty, a quarter to nine is the fashionable dinner hour and a more inconvenient hour it would be difficult to light upon, when it is remembered that the curtain rises in our West End Theatres at a quarter past eight at the latest. Well, there is a disposition to make the dinner hour a little earlier. Some hostesses are making it half past eight and others more daring eight o'clock which is still too late for playgoers. Others solve the difficulty by reviving the old-fashioned supper which is gradually recovering its old time society importance.

Another thing—if we except the great outstanding events like the Derby Night Ball at Devonshire House and one or two functions of like importance, round which the whole of society moves,—is the present trend in the direction of impromptu entertaining. The quickly-arranged dance, the intimate dinner party finds favour, and no one, or hardly anyone, is offended when she is invited to such a gathering by telephone. When invitations are sent out they are sometimes typewritten, such is the change in feeling, and no hostess need fear to adopt this convenient method of preparing her invitation cards, for the example was set by the very popular young leader of Society, the Countess of Crewe, Lord Rosebery's daughter.

IN THE SHOPS.

The shops are delightfully full of pretty things and much to the joy of dealers in precious stones the Society Woman is once again buying jewellery. In the hard times that we have recently been passing through most women have been glad when they could afford to have their old stones re-set, let alone buying new ones. Diamonds now as always are the gems of gems. Their popularity never fails and the newest of trinkets made by the greatest of Piccadilly jewellers is the floral spray of diamonds. It is intended to be worn in the hair and is a pretty variation of the tiara, but, if preferred, it can adorn the corsage. The designs are really lovely. A spray of butteroups for instance has petals of glistening brilliants, with a single yellow diamond set in orange enamel in the centre. Lilies of the valley, of diamonds, emeralds and enamel are very charming and for a handsome dark haired beauty there is the tiger lily of flashing diamonds, emerald and topaz.

Snake jewellery too is amazingly popular. Necklaces of golden scales, the head set with gleaming emeralds as eyes, and bracelets to match are much seen. More uncommon, however, is the waistband in the form of a large gold snake set with jewels. Sinuous gold snakes are twisted into the hair; the new fancy, however, has little except novelty to commend it.

COUNTESS OF CROMARTIE, PLAYWRIGHT.

Aristocratic playwrights have not found the stage a very sure road to fame. The Duchess of Sutherland's play "The Conqueror," with which Mr. Forbes Robertson opened the Scala Theatre, was written down a failure by the critics, and even the Hon. Mrs. Alfred Lyttleton's play "Warp and Woof," while it did do something to make the women of wealthy classes realise the conditions under which the sweated work-girls who made their Ascot frocks and Court gowns lived, was not a dramatic success. The Countess of Cromartie, one of the few ladies who are peeresses in their own right, has written a play "The Finishing of the Sword" and it is to be staged very shortly at The Playhouse, Mr. Cyril Maude's beautiful new theatre.

It is Lady Cromartie's first play and with all the enthusiasm of a beginner she is "producing" the play herself. The scene of the play is laid on the west coast of Scotland—Lady Cromartie's great territorial possessions are of course in Scotland—and the plot revolves round the finding of an old historic sword which is possessed of psychic power.

The Countess of Cromartie, who is now the wife of Major Blunt, is a very busy lady indeed. She has just completed the manuscript of a novel and she is thinking of writing another play.

THE ETERNAL MALMAISON.

What is the secret of the extraordinary hold that the Malmaison carnation has over fashionable womenkind, I wonder? and why should our countrywomen be alone in the homage they render to the pink flower with its stiff petals. In Paris and New York and wherever well-dressed femininity congregates, the *bouquet de corsage* varies with the season and the fancy of the wearer. But here in London while the West End florists may fill their windows with roses and lilies and violets and orchids, it is the eternal Malmaison that adorns the corsage of Society. In fact the appearance of the familiar pink flowers on the women in the Park is one of the unmistakeable signs that the season has begun. Even the Queen who loves all flowers wears only Malmaisons, and the Princess of Wales follows her example in this matter.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S RETURN.

Fresh from their long tour in the East the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, accompanied by Princess Patricia who looks prettier than ever, arrived in London early on Tuesday evening. With the Royal party was Prince Arthur who had journeyed to the Mediterranean to meet his parents and sister.

All the Royal travellers looked exceedingly bronzed and well, and greeted very heartily those assembled on the platform to meet them. The Duke chatted for quite a long while with Sir John Maxwell, and the Duchess and Princess Patricia had a long conversation with Lady Balcarres. Before leaving the platform their Royal Highnesses said a cordial good-bye to Mrs. Cornwallis West (Lady Randolph Churchill) who had travelled on the same train to Victoria.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught will visit Sweden in June where they will represent King Edward and Queen Alexandra at the golden wedding of the King and Queen of Sweeden. Prince Arthur and Princess Patricia will accompany their father and mother to Stockholm and take part in the celebrations. Before they leave for Sweden the Duke and Prince Arthur will have an opportunity of renewing their acquaintance with Prince Fushimi of Japan who will soon be with us.

HOW TO WEAR NEW HATS.

Everybody agrees that the new millinery is altogether charming, but by no means has everyone mastered the art of wearing the fashionable hats of the day.

I was talking a day or two ago with the lady whose delightful task it is to design a great many of the lovely hats which will adorn the fashionable heads at Ascot and later at Goodwood. Not one woman in a hundred, so she says, knows how to wear the cloche and the mushroom shapes that are triumphing in the world of millinery just now. These hats to be at the correct angle must tilt up just a little bit in front, permitting plenty of hair to be seen over the forehead. The effect thus produced is picturesque and artistic in every way. La Mode has said that women must cultivate the picturesque. If on the contrary the hat is raised at the back so that it tilts over the forehead, the effect will be undesirably smart and dressy but it will cease to be in the slightest degree picturesque. The demand for the picturesque does not stop short at the hat. The hair itself must be artistically dressed. Curls and "frizzed" hair are hopelessly out of the movement, as the Parisians say. The hair must be arranged in big loose waves, and is dressed rather low. For the theatre a little twist of silver tulle and a single rose under the left ear is the accepted coiffure.

MISS VANBRUGH'S VEILS.

The long veil with ends streaming down to the waist has been recalled by the advocates of picturesqueness. This veil, it is no use denying, had become just a little ubiquitous, and when the exquisite creation of filmy Alencon lace found its replica in coarse net at 1sh. 11½d., the well-dressed woman abandoned the picturesque flowing veil, or tried to. But it is really too pretty to go, and every woman in the house felt a little thrill of pleasure when she noted that every hat worn by Miss Violet Vanbrugh in the "Duel"—the new play at the Garrick—boasted a long veil, for Miss Vanbrugh is admitted to be the best dressed of all our actresses. Perhaps the most charming of the hats she wore was a big black crinoline in the favourite mushroom shape. Enormous crimson roses were fastened at either side of the front, and for the rest the only trimming was an Alencon veil which was wound round the hat and hung down to the waist at the back.

RAIPUR-VIZIANAGRAM RAILWAY.

Completion of the Whole Scheme Contemplated.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, MAY 16.

A Madras paper announced the other day that the construction of the Raipur-Vizianagram Railway was to be suspended and not carried beyond Parvatipur, about the fiftieth mile northwards of the section now in course of construction. This, the *Pioneer* believes, is a mistake. It was never intended to build the whole line through in one operation, but to take it in hand section by section as funds were available. The first section is now under construction and is expected to be open for traffic next year, as the work has proceeded very satisfactorily. It is expected to complete nearly all the earth-work and most of the minor bridges and irrigation openings (of which latter there are more than a hundred in this section of the line) before the rains break. Well-sinking is in progress on the foundations of three large bridges.

The grant of funds for the line for this year amounted to only four lakhs, which would be insufficient to complete the earth-works and bridges, but by the diversion of a further sum of two and a half lakhs, it is expected to finish this portion of the work.

The traffic prospects seem to be more promising than at first anticipated. Manganese industry and, still more, prospecting industry have been stimulated, while there is a good deal of jute grown for export in the district served by the new line, and some trade in grain and salt.

THE SAVANTVADI STRIKE.

Political Agent and Shopkeepers.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SAVANTVADI, MAY 16.

The shopkeepers have renewed their resolution not to upon their shops. If the technicality of law renders the action of the Political Agent *ultra vires*, which is more than probable, numbers of suits for damages are likely to be instituted against him. The local leaders of the different communities wish to have the matter amicably settled. The Mahomedan community here, through their Kazi, have requested His Excellency the Governor of Bombay to depute here an independent officer to see and report the real state of things as the shopkeepers in the neighbouring towns of Vingurla, Malwan, Shiroda and Kumthy in the British territories are allowed to erect similar pavilions in front of their shops on the road. It is believed by the general public that the Bombay Government will not fail to show the same favour to the shopkeepers in this town. All persons here sincerely regret the tension between the shopkeepers and the Political Agent. A Military detachment is stationed in the heart of the town. The poor are in sore distress.

CALCUTTA CORPORATION LOANS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MAY 16.

At yesterday's meeting of the Calcutta Corporation, it was resolved that the Government of India be asked to sanction the raising of a loan of 20 lakhs of rupees bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum, repayable in thirty years, and that tenders for the first instalment of nine lakhs be called for from the 13th of July, 1907.

The Chairman also announced that he had just received sanction from Government to the raising of a loan of six lakhs, the balance of last year's loan.

He added that tenders were being invited from the 1st of June next for these six lakhs, on the same terms and conditions, namely, that interest would be 4 per cent and the loan repayable in thirty years.

MOULVI ABDUL WAHAB SAHIB.

A Pioneer of Arabic Learning.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, MAY 16.

On Monday last, Mr. S. C. Rice, Collector, North Arcot, held a formal durbar in the hall of the Madrassah Baqiatuf Salehat at Vellore for the purpose of decorating Haji Moulvi Abdul Wahab Sahib with the title of Shamsul-Ulma which was conferred on him last New Year's day as the pioneer of Arabic learning in Southern India.

A CORRECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In to-day's issue of the "Bombay Gazette," under the heading "Some Hindrances to the spread of Christianity," a mistake has inadvertently been made in my copy of the communication. It should read that "the red mark on the forehead of a Maratha woman indicates that she is not a widow, but either a Miss or a Mrs., and her husband living."

A. M. S.

MR. JAMES CURRIE, President of the Punjab Chamber of Commerce, goes home by the Mail of the 25th instant, and returns in September.

INDIA IN 1857.

A RETROSPECT.

A Narrative of the Mutiny.

ITS RISE, PROGRESS, AND TERMINATION.

VII.

It was nearing five o'clock on that memorable afternoon, when, at a given signal, the 3rd Light Cavalry and the 20th Native Infantry rushed out of their lines armed and furious. A detachment of the former regiment at once galloped in the direction of the jail. On reaching it, its gates were opened to them without resistance, and they at once liberated all its inmates, including their imprisoned comrades. A native smith was at hand to strike off their irons. These men, infuriated by their disgrace, ran with all possible speed to their lines, armed themselves, and mounted; they then rushed to the scene of action, yelling fearfully, and denouncing death to every European. Meanwhile the remaining portion of the 3rd Cavalry and the 20th Native Infantry had proceeded to the lines of the 11th Native Infantry with all possible speed, where the officers of that regiment, alarmed by the shouting and noise, had already preceded them. They found Colonel Finnis haranguing his men—who were wavering when the 20th Regiment arrived—and endeavouring to keep them firm to their colours; but their hands were already red with the blood of several of their own officers, and seeing this hesitation and its cause, they at once fired at Colonel Finnis. The first shot took effect on his horse only, but almost immediately afterwards he was riddled with ball. All discipline, all better feelings, now vanished. It is true that the sepoys of the 11th permitted their officers to escape with their lives; but having done this, the greater portion of them followed the example of the 20th, and then ensued a scene of disorder, rapine, and murder which pen cannot describe. Every house and building near the lines, except the hospital, had been fired; and the smoking and blazing barracks and houses, the yells of the mutineers, and the shouts and shrieks of the multitude gathered there—numbers of whom fell from the shots of the mutineers—made on that dark night a scene than which one cannot be imagined more horrible. Officers who were galloping about, carrying orders to the European troops, were fired at not only by the mutineers, but by the Native Guards placed over the public buildings for security. Ladies driving in their carriages and gentlemen in their buggies, who had left their houses unsuspicious of evil, were assaulted and, if not murdered, treated with a brutality to which death would have been a relief. Not only the sepoys, but the released jail-birds fifteen hundred in number—the population consisting of that "vile rabble" which is always available for plunder or murder—had joined the movement and spread terror and desolation all around them. Nor were houses or public offices safe places of refuge from these assaults. Most of the houses in Meerut—all of those in the Military lines—were thatched with straw and easily inflammable: the plan of the insurgents was to set fire to the roof and to murder the frightened residents as they quitted the burning dwellings. Many met their death in this way: more providentially escaped, yet not one of those in the latter category owed their safety to the mercy of their assailants. In some instances, outrages were perpetrated which the pen refuses to record. These men whom we had pampered for a century, who had always professed the utmost devotion to us, seemed suddenly converted into demons. Nor was this a solitary example: other stations were destined to witness atrocities fouler, more brutal, and more treacherous than even those of Meerut.

Meanwhile unaccountable delay occurred in turning out the European troops, and night had set in before the Carabineers arrived on the parade ground of the 11th Native Infantry, where they found the 60th Rifles and Artillery waiting for them; their arrival was the signal for a move against the rebels who they found had by this time completed their work of destruction within the station and had betaken themselves to the Delhi road, where they followed them. The night, however, was too dark, and the movements of the insurgents too uncertain, to permit of our troops acting with vigour. A portion of the rebels were, it is true, found in a wood, and shots were exchanged between them and the 60th Rifles: the Artillery, too, fired upon and dispersed them; but it was considered that nothing more effective could be done—that fifteen hundred jail-birds, maddened with the taste of blood, were at large and might still inflict incalculable damage on the station, and that, at such a crisis, the presence of the troops was absolutely required there. These, at least, are all the reasons that can be imagined—for none have hitherto been assigned—for the languid pursuit of that evening. One fact is clear, that the rebels were not followed up with any vigour, and that, after seeing them clear of the station, the troops returned to the scene of the outbreak of the mutiny and there bivouacked. The night was spent in taking precautions against attack and in measures preliminary to strengthening the place, so as to secure it, if the troops should be compelled to leave it.

The horrors of that fearful night could scarcely have been surpassed. The rebels, it is true, had been driven away, but the liberated prisoners and the rabble continued their fearful work. It is true that European sentries were posted, with all possible celerity, in the different parts of Meerut; and the constant fire of their rifles showed that their presence was necessary. Still, in spite of all precautions, foul deeds were even then perpetrated. To every one it was a night of agonising suspense. Husbands had missed their wives, and wives their husbands: infants had been separated from their mothers, and mothers from their children. Many passed the night depending entirely on the fidelity of their native servants; and it is gratifying to state that in more than one instance that fidelity was proof. To this source Mr. Greathed, the Commissioner, and his wife, owed their safety: their house—a flat-roofed one fortunately—was one of the first attacked by the sepoys. On the first alarm, they fled to the roof, where, on the least intimation from the servants, the sepoys would have followed them; but the servants persisted in the story that they had left the house, and the mutineers, after searching every room, at last believed the servants and went away. The courageous action of the ayah or female servant in the employ of Captain and Mrs. Macdonald, of the 20th Regiment, must here be recorded. She had heard the alarm and had perceived the blood-stained mutineers advancing towards her master's house: unable to save him or her mistress, she seised their two children, and concealing them as well as best she could, carried them to a place of safety: they never saw their parents again. Subsequent experience has shewn that the "brave and loyal sepoy" does not disdain treating children of one and two years of age with the most cruel barbarity.

How that night passed with those poor sufferers they alone can tell: the day at length dawned, and the sun shone on dismantled Meerut. Their worst sufferings were over: the houseless were

and loudly demanded to be led against them. The Brigadier, responding to their seeming enthusiasm, put himself at their head and led them out of the Cashmere Gate to meet the rebels, whose near approach had been announced. As they marched out in gallant order—to all appearance proud and confident—a tumultuous array appeared advancing from the Hindun. In front—in full uniform with medals on their breasts, gained in fighting for British supremacy, confidence in their manner and fury in their gestures—galloped on about two hundred and fifty troopers of the 3rd Cavalry. Behind them, at no great distance, and almost running in their efforts to reach the golden minarets of Delhi, appeared a vast mass of infantry, their red coats soiled with dust and their bayonets glittering in the sun. No hesitation was visible in all that advancing mass; they came on as if confident of the result. The Cavalry approached nearer and nearer at a headlong pace and were soon on the bayonets of the 54th, who were ordered to fire, and the fate of India practically hung on their reply: they did fire, but into the air and not one saddle was emptied by that vain discharge: the Cavalry were soon amongst them fraternising with them, leaving their officers to their fate, who were remorselessly cut down wherever they were found.

The bold and confident bearing of the rebels was thus accounted for: the Delhi troops too had been corrupted. In shouting to be led against the mutineers, they had acted a part which to Asiatics is familiar from their youth, but which Englishmen accustomed to them all their lives have never been able to comprehend. All was now over with Delhi. The enraged troopers—accompanied by the greater part of the 54th and the other arrivals from Meerut, and gaining fresh recruits at every step from the 38th and 74th—dashed into the City, shooting in their progress all the Europeans they met with, many of them pointing to the marks left by the manacles on their legs as if to justify their atrocities. Not a Christian whom they could lay hold of was spared, and on the women death was the smallest of the barbarities inflicted.

The Governor-General's Agent, Mr. Simon Fraser, and Captain Douglas, Commanding the Palace Guards of the titular King of Delhi, were cut down in the very precincts of the palace. Mr. Jennings, the Chaplain, and his daughter were seized when making their way to the King for his protection: they were brought before the monarch—a man who was the descendant of the house of Timour, born our pensioner, and ever treated by the English Government with marked liberality. "What shall we do with them?" inquired the enraged troopers of the King. "What you like: I give them to you!" was the reply. This man and the King of Oude were at the bottom of the conspiracy. It was thus that the former repaid British generosity.

Meanwhile, Brigadier Graves, rallying a few men who had remained faithful, retreated to the Flagstaff Tower. Here he found a vast assemblage of ladies and gentlemen—all in fact, who had received, or who had been able to comply with, his intimation. Here also were stationed a Company of the 38th and two guns, and so great was the strength of the Tower that it was imagined that these men, if they remained faithful, might hold it against the enemy. But when the Brigadier addressed them, it became evident that their hearts were with the rebels and that they only waited an opportunity to join them.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

During the absence on deputation of the Honourable Sir Lawrence H. Jenkins, Knight, K. C. I. E., M. A., (Oxon.), Bar-at-Law, or pending further orders:—The Honourable Mr. Justice L. P. Russell, Bar-at-Law, to act as Chief Justice of His Majesty's High Court of Judicature at Bombay; Mr. N. C Macleod, B. A., (Oxon), Bar-at-Law, to act as a Judge of His Majesty's High Court of Judicature at Bombay.

Mr. F. W. Allison, I.C.S., to be Superintendent, Managed Estates, Kathiawar, *vice* Mr J. E. B. Hotson, I.C.S.

Captain W. M. P. Wood, Assistant Political Agent Palanpur, acted as Administrator, Radhanpur State, in addition to his own duties, from the 2nd March to the 12th April, both days inclusive.

Mr. W. C. Tudor-Owen, I. C. S., Administrator, Palitana State, is granted privilege leave for three months combined with special leave on urgent private affairs for three months, with effect from the 9th May.

Mr. Tudor-Owen's duties during his absence, to be performed by the Assistant to the Agent to the Governor, Kathiawar, and Political Agent, Gohilvad Prant, in addition to his own.

Lieutenant P. Ashfield to act as Assistant Cantonment Magistrate, Poona and Kirkee, and Secretary to the Cantonment Committee, Kirkee, till date of relief, in addition to his Military duties.

Lieutenant Ashfield is also appointed to be a Magistrate of the First Class in the Poona District, and will exercise the powers with which he is hereby invested within the limits of the Cantonments of Poona and Kirkee and the villages of Wanowri and Ghorpuri.

During the absence on leave of Mr. T. Walker, M. A., I. C. S., or pending further orders:—Mr. T. D Fry, I. C. S., Judge and Sessions Judge, Dharwar, to do duty as Judge and Sessions Judge, Belgaum, in addition of his own duties. Mr. A.D.Brown, B.A. (Oxon.), I.C.S., Assistant Judge and Sessions Judge, Dharwar, to do duty as Assistant Judge and Additional Sessions Judge, Dharwar, and as Assistant Judge and Additional Sessions Judge, Belgaum, in addition to his own duties, also to try such cases as the Sessions Judge, Dharwar and Belgaum, respectively, may make over to him for trial.

Mr. L. J. Sedgwick, I. C. S., Assistant Collector in the district of Satara, is appointed to be a Magistrate of the Third Class in that district.

Mr. W. L. B. Souter, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Bombay, is appointed to officiate as Deputy Director, Criminal Intelligence, during the absence on leave of Mr. A. B. Barnard, or until further orders.

Mr. G. W. Hatch, I.C.S., Collector of Bombay, is granted such privilege leave as may be due to him on the date on which he may be relieved, in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to six months.

Mr. John Samuel Crapper to pilot vessels in the Port of Bombay.

Mr. J. R. Carpenter, Inspector of Steam Boilers and Prime Movers, is allowed privilege leave of absence for two months and twenty-five days from the 18th April or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. L. Meyer, M.D., B.S, I. M. S., is granted, from the date of relief, privilege leave of absence for three months in combination with furlough, the total period to expire on the 2nd January.

Mr. P. G. Messent, M. Inst. C. E., to be a member of the City of Bombay Improvement Trust during the absence of the Honourable Sir Walter C. Hughes, Kt., C. I. E., on leave.

Captain A. Hooton, I. M. S., was appointed to act as Civil Surgeon, Poona, in addition to his own duties from the 10th to the 19th November.

Lieutenant Archibald Edward Boyd, Bombay Volunter Artillery, resigns his commission. Dated 1st April.

Leave of absence out of India is granted to the undermentioned Officers, as follows:—

Captain Arthur Robert Sharp, Bombay Volunter, Rifles from 11th May to 10th November.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. B. Wright, V. D., Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles, is granted six months' leave out of India on private affairs from 1st June.

2nd Battalion, Great Indian Peninsula Railway Volunteer Rifles.—The Reverend William Francis Thompson resigns his appointment as Honorary Chaplain, with effect from the 1st April.

Captain G. McPherson, M. B., I. M. S., to act as Deputy Sanitary Commissioner for the Central Registration District, pending further orders.

Mr. H. F. Beale, Assoc. M. Inst., C. E., Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, permanent, and Superintending Engineer, Class II, temporary is granted privilege leave for three months combined with special leave on urgent private affairs for three months from 29th May or the subsequent date of relief.

Mr. D.W. Herbert, Assoc. M. Inst. C. E; Executive Engineer, 1st Grade, is on return from leave posted to the Khandesh District *vice* Mr. H. Wray, Executive Engineer, 3rd Grade, temporary rank, p osed on combined leave, or until further orders.

Mr. Duff Powell of the Superior Traffic Establishment is promoted from Class I Grade 3 (Supernumerary) to Class I Grade 1 (Supernumerary) on the Superior Revenue Establishment of State Railways, with effect from the 1st January.

THE following Press Communiqué has been issued by the Political Department:—The attention of the Government of India having again been drawn to the trouble caused to British subjects by their proceeding to Persia without first providing themselves with passports duly visaed by a Persian Consular Officer in India, it is again notified for general information that, according to the passport regulations issued by the Persian Government on the 1st March 1900, it is necessary that travellers, whether Europeans or Natives of India, proceeding to Persia should provide themselves with passports, and should have their passports visaed by a Persian Consular Officer in India.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly, harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

SPORTING NEWS.

HOCKEY.

The Aga Khan Tournament.

CONNAUGHT RANGERS VS. WORCESTERS.

The above teams meet before a very fair attendance yesterday in the main enclosure and a very hard fought game was played. There was not much to chose between the teams, but after a very even first-half the men from Poona asserted their superiority and had distinctly the better of the exchanges. The whole of the scoring took place in the second half though both back divisions defended well and every point was fought out.

After some very level play Fisher put in a clever run but his centre was a bit hard and went unaccepted through. From the bully Henry sent a stunner just to the left but sticks were given. The ball went to the other end where, in a melee Gibbons shot from sticks to the right. A penalty corner followed, but Faulds' shot was cleared. The Rangers were soon up again and Phillips gave nearly to Faulds, Hill saving well. In the Worcesters left the ball went the other end where Henry was off side in a nice position, and a moment later Hill had to run out to clear from Faulds with a corner following a free for 'carried.' Hewett was next unwise in running out, but Ruffley cleared and Long followed with a nice shot to the right. The Worcesters were now having the better of the game, Gibbs feeding well, and a good shot by Smith was well saved and the ball changed ends, but despite a corner, was soon back through Fisher and Henry. Fisher gave chance to his centres that went begging and Phillips with Gaffney brought the ball up, but the corner did them no good and Fisher again cleared. Play now ruled level, though a nice centre by Gaffney gave Comyn a great chance which he failed to take advantage of. Rowbotham next put in good work and Henry following with a brilliant run, and Smith sent in-a-stunner which Gaffney saved, and subsequently Gaffney got away but over-ran. Half time followed with neither side having scored.

Immediately on resumption, the Connaughts came up, and Faulds, who changed to inside left, did well and Phillips getting on, took the ball into the circle and gave Comyn a clear goal and he shot through, giving the Rangers the lead

After the bully they came down again on the right and Comyn again had a great chance from a centre by Gaffney but sent high over the bar. A hot tussle ensued from a corner. Fisher at last relieved and for the first time the Worcesters got into the opposing 25, but they were driven back and Phillips sent over from an easy position, and level play ensued. Eventually Stone gave to Fisher on the wing and he sent in a fine centre to the goal mouth which Smith met and sent through, equalising.

Play ensued in mid-field till Faulds sent across, Gibbs missed and Phillips got on sending a nice shot in from an angle and once more giving the Rangers the lead.

Soon after, there was a cessation owing to an injury to Rowbotham, and sticks against Stone was cleared well by Yarnold. Gaffney next put in a clever run but Gibbs giving sticks got him over the eye. Following the free hit, Phillips sent over. Sticks again against Gibbs saw the Rangers well up, and a moment later Gaffney sent right across. Sheridan got on and made no mistake, the Poona men now leading by 3 goals to 1.

Sticks against Rowbotham spoilt a Worcester run, but with their backs defending well they came up on the left and secured an unproductive corner through Fisher who, just after, narrowly missed from a fine angle. The next moment he got away well but Ruffley took his hit on his shins and saved the situation. Gaffney next got down and gave across to Comyn who, however, missed a backhander when in the goal mouth, and time followed leaving the score:—

Connaught Rangers.....3 Goals.
Worcesters.....1 Goal.

WORCESTERS.		CONN RANGERS.
Hill	Goal	Hewett
Yarnold Lt Dobson	Backs	Egan Ruffley
Stone Capt Gibbs Parton	Halves	Dampby Gibbons Young
Fisher Lt Henry Long Smith Rowbotham	Forwards.	Gaffney Lt Phillips Faulds Capt Comyn Sheridan

Referee:—Messrs. Roughton and Ward.

LINCOLNS VS. R. G. A.

The above met on the 113th ground where rather a late start was made and a somewhat one-sided game was seen. On the part of the losers there was a good deal too much talking which somewhat marred the sportmanship with which the game was played. Throughout, play was in favour of the Lincolns though the first half was of an exciting nature, the Lincolns crossing over with a lead of three goals to nil. In the second, however, they had matters all their own way and added six goals. Their defence too was very good and Machin on this time scarcely got a chance. Four of the goals went to Bombadier Smith at centre forward, three to Lce. Cpl. Dwayne at inside right and two to Lieut. Young at inside right. The game consequently ended:—

Lincolns ..... 9 goals
R.G.A..... Nil

Referees:—Messrs. Robertson and Gore.

Table to date:—

	1st Round	2nd Round	3rd Round	Semi-final	Final
Wilson College Bhauswal Gymkhana	Bhauswal 5—1	Pioneers 3—1			
Pioneers Victoria Jubilee Inst.	Pioneer 10—0				
Bombay Gymkhana R F A Kirkee	Bo Gymkhana 1—0	May 18			
Bombay Gymkhana A International Club	Gymkhana 2—0				
St Xavier's Royal Scots	bye bye	Royal Scots 2—1			
Jhansi Railway Inst. King's Liverpool	bye bye	Jhansi 5—0			
Friends' Union A R G A Colaba	R G A 3—0				
Albert Club Lincolns	Lincolns 5—0	Lincolns 3—0			
Worcesters Parsee Club	Worcesters 5—1	Rangers 3—1			
Connaught Rangers Friends' Union	C R 3—0				
Elphinstone College Royal Navy	bye bye	May 17			
East Lancs Departmental, Poona	Drawn 2—2	May 14			

SIMLA RACES.

Prospect of Success Assured.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, MAY 16.

The splendid roll of entries for the Simla Races have already assured the success of that meeting.

In the absence of Capt. Holden at Dehra, Capt. Elgee, A.D.C., is carrying on his duties and has got the Course in beautiful order.

Among those who have entered ponies are Lord Minto, who now owns the Arab pony Bahar, and several of His Excellency's Staff as also some of Lord Kitchener's Staff.

Besides the owners of the ponies which are running, several sportsmen from the Punjab and the United Provinces are to be present at Simla.

The young Prince of Patiala is going up with his uncle the Kour Sahib and Sirdar Jewansingh is also going up.

The third day's racing is already arranged, but with so many ponies present it is more than probable that a fourth day will be held.

EXCEPTION was taken by a schoolmaster at a meeting of the Tedmorden Church Vestry to the re-election of the sidesmen. The qualification for the office, he said, judging from the holders, appeared to be the possession of a long beard. The way people coming to church were pitchforked into pews, some on the "Go to heaven" side and some on the other, was shameful. But the poor had no friends.

LAWN TENNIS.

Bombay Gymkhana Handicaps.

THE SEMI-FINALS.

The final of the Singles between Messrs. Bean—15·2 and W. Reid—40·3 and, as predicted in the early stages, Reid won by the substantial margin of 6·1, 6·3, Reid is just now in very fine form, his placing is delightful and he quite outplayed his opponent seeming to take matters somewhat easy in the second set.

The Doubles have been postponed till to-day owing to the indisposition of Mr. Savile; this now rest between Messrs. Savile and Powell and Savi and Parry.

The Singles table up to the final including all matches stands as follows:—

SINGLES.

H'cap.

R J Brown ... plus 4 bye
G Sturrock ... — 4 bye
→ Sturrock 6-2 6-1

T D Parry ... plus 15·3
R Peel ... plus 4·3
→ Parry 6—1, 6—0
→ Reid 4—6, 6—3

W Reid ... — 40·3
S Clements ... scr.
→ Reid, 6—2, 6—0
→ Reid 6—3, 6—1

C B Gannen ... plus 15
C Thomson ... — 15
→ Thomson 6—5, 6—4
→ Thomson 6—2, 4—6, 6—4

C L Spalding ... scr.
A L Roberts ... scr.
→ Roberts 6—1, 6—0
→ Thomson 6—4, 6—4

T B Ouseley ... scr.
G Hately ... scr.
→ Ouseley 3—6, 6—5, 6—3
→ Dawson 6—1, 6—4

L H Saville ... —·2
G W Dawson ... scr.
→ Dawson 4—6, 6—1, 6—4

J L Williams ... scr.
C H S Boggs ... — 15
→ Boggs 6—0, 6—2
→ Sanderson 6—1, 6—4

P M D Sanderson ... — 15·4
G de Rhe Phillipe ... — 15·2
→ Sanderson 4—6, 6—4, 6—4

B S Carter ... scr.
J H Robinson ... —·4
→ Robinson 6—2, 6—2
→ Bombardier 6—4, 6—3

W F Ross ... scr.
F Portlock ... —·4
→ Portlock W. O.
→ Portlock 6—1, 6—3

F L Gore ... plus 3·3
E E Hill ... plus 2·3
→ Hill 6—3, 6—0
→ Bean 6—3, 2—6, 6—3

S M L Bean ... — 15·2
K Kennedy ... scr.
→ bye
→ Horne 6—1, 6—3

J J Horne ... scr.
bye
→ Horne 6—3, 6—3

Reid 2—1, 6—3

SPORTING NOTES.

In the matter of field sports, Bombay has now entered into her season, one game giving way to another almost on the day it finishes. There are two matters upon which we may congratulate ourselves as institutions likely and benefit sport in this town. These are the formationss of two junior events in the hockey and football line to encourage recruits for the senior clubs. Of late the Y. M. C. A. has entered whole-heartedly into sport, and it is pleasant to note that they have not been appealed to in vain to take in hand a Hockey Tournament for teams limited to players of under 18 years of age. It is proposed to make a start on the first day of next month and, judging from the enthusiasm seen, and form shown, in the recent schools' competition it should command sufficient success and establish itself as an annual event, and in time draw competitors from all over the Presidency—or even further afield.

The other is the junior football tournament which, I understand, the Rovers are to run just prior to their big affair. Thus early one can almost safely say the entrants will reach double figures. So far the age limit has not been fixed but in this and future years this and the other should work up in whole some and healthy interest amongst the younger generation who will be looked to for the continuation of the flourishing condition of these pastimes in Bombay.

Very little time is lost between the final game of the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament and the first of the Harwood League so that it is about time a Secretary and Committee was elected for the latter and entries accepted. I hear Mr Hogan finds the drain on his time too much with both the League and the Tournament to run and proposes resigning the duties of Hon. Secretary for the former. It is a matter to be regretted, and it will be no little trouble to find a successor who can devote the time and devote the energy necessary for the successful navigation of such a prolonged affair. Last year Mr. Arthur Sharp had charge and a more competent man would take finding, but he unfortunately left last Saturday for England.

With regard to the coming football season, the Bombay Gymkhana has held its usual meeting with Mr. Colin Ross in the chair. Last year the team was decidedly better than have been those of late, and now the prospects of a really good combination are excellent. As regards individual members likely to represent them I shall deal with them before long and need for the present only say those who have already signed or make a long list. Mr. S.W. Dawson who was one of the best goal-keepers in Bombay last year has been elected Hon. Secretary. The Committee is composed of Messrs. C. M. Ross, N. S. Powell, C. M. Ward, R. F. Brown, and F. Robertson who, being keen sportsmen, should keep a good look out for 'likely' ones. As regards the captaincy, the matter has not yet been settled as although the Hon. Secretary usually fills that position, it remains to be seen whether the Committe consider a custodian should act in that capacity or not—may be Dawson will go forward, where he played on occasion last year.

HOCKEY.

I hear that a match is being, or has been, arranged between the St. Xavier's Team and the Y. M. C. A. with Saturday the probable day. This will be a match that should be most gratifying to sportsmen as an exhibition of skill between two teams who are admittedly in the front rank of Calcutta and Bombay hockey. The importance of it will be readily understood and as enthusiasts would not care to miss either this or the tournament game which fall on the same day, I suggest that the Aga Khan Committee should set aside an evening on which this game only will be played—in their enclosure, for preference. Obviously the Gate will be of record proportions and would be of considerable help to such a deserving charity as the Indo-British School.

In the cause of charity, as well as for the gratification of the public in general, no petty grievances should stand in the way of an event which would interest practically the whole of India, in that it will be a line to go on as to the respective merits of the players of the two leading cities.

The Royal Scots have beaten St. Xaviers in the tournament, as far as the actual result on the score; but such a pretty exhibition did the visitors give on a strange ground, and one that scarcely allows for the most skilful play on a first introduction, that it would be a graceful tribute to the cause of sport were they given another chance of showing their worth in a game that has public recognition, thus honouring sport and promoting charity, for

"In Faith and Hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concern is charity."

REX.

BOMBAY COMMERCIAL GYMKHANA.

Tennis Tournament.

The Finals of each event were played off on Saturday last and provided keen contests throughout.

In the Singles the players were Tweddle and Bryning, both on the 30 mark. Both had come through some hard fought matches, Bryning with perhaps the better average, and this foreshadowed the result. In the first set Tweddle won the first three games, but Bryning pulled up and eventually won at 7-5. The second set also fell to Bryning 6-3.

In the Men's Doubles, Chilton & Bryce (plus 15½) beat Chapman & Strevens (minus 15½) by 6-3, 3-6, 8-6. This was rather an upset, the losers being the more level pair, but the Handicap proved a little too much for them.

The Mixed Doubles lay between Miss May Limouzin and Mr. Simmons (1-15) and Miss Phyllis Baker and Mr. J. Irving (plus 15). Here again the stronger combination went down, Miss Baker & Mr. Irving eventually winning by 4-6, 7-5, 6-2. This latter young lady shows remarkable form for her age and, if she keeps it up, should develop into a first class lady player. The losers played a sterling game, the lady being particular safe, and theirs had been the hardest struggle to get through the final, all the back markers being in their division of the ties.

RESULTS.

MEN'S SINGLES.

G Tweddle's H E Bryning } Bryning 7-3, 6-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES.

W Chilton & H Bryce C Chapman & W Strevens } Chilton & Bryce 6-3, 3-6, 8-6.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Miss M Limouzin & Mr Simmons Miss F Baker & Mr Irving } Baker & Irving 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

MOTOR UNION OF WESTERN INDIA.

A Meeting of the Committee of the Motor Union of Western India was held at the Club rooms on Tuesday evening, the 14th instant, the Hon'ble Mr. Owen Dunn presiding. The following Members were present:—Mr. F. J. Preston, Mr. Mulraj Khatau, Mr. J. D. Davar, Mr. C. A. R. Crommelin, Mr. A. Turner Laing, Lieut.-Col. M. Collie, I. M. S., and Mr. N. M. Marshall, Honorary Secretary.

The business before the Meeting included the appointment of the following Sub-Committees for the easier conduct of business in order that each Sub-Committee may be able to deal with separate matters independent of the General Committee. In this way it is expected that a great deal of work will be carried through in a very short space of time by those who have been appointed to the various Sub-Committees.

House Committee.—Messrs. T. W. Birkett, C. A. R. Crommelin, A. Turner Laing, Fazalbhoy Currimbhoy, J. D. Davar, and A. J. Billimoria.

Finance Committee.—Messrs. A. J. Billimoria, Mulraj Khatau, Fazalbhoy Currimbhoy, Naranji Dwarkadas, C. A. R. Crommelin, and J. D. Davar.

Legal Committee.—The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Batty, Messrs. E. J. B. Acworth, R. K. R. Cama, J. D. Davar, H. A. H. Payne, F. S. Taleyarkhan and G. R. Khairaz.

Competition Committee, which includes organisation and execution of Trials, Shows, and Gymkhana.—Messrs. R. J. Kent, J. D. Davar, T. D. Parry, Narotum Morarji Goculdas, J. Zubarbhiler, Gulamhusein Currimbhoy, F. Hogan and Major F. E. Swinton and Capt. T. Duff Blair.

Roads and Improvements Committee.—Lieut.-Col. M. A. T. Collie, Messrs. H. E. E. Proctor, W. D. Sheppard, H. G. Gell, F. J. Preston, J. D. Davar, A. Turner Laing, C. A. R. Crommelin, and Hon'ble Mr. Vithaldas Damodar Thackersey.

Technical Committee.—Messrs. R. J. Kent, F. J. Preston, A. Turner Laing, B. H. Hewett, T. D. Parry, William Harper, M. C. Petit, and T. Dawson.

These Sub-Committees have been given full powers in the disposal of all matters delegated to them, subject to the report to and confirmation of the General Committee.

One of the first subjects they will have to deal with is a matter brought before the Committee in connection with the erection of sign-boards at toll stations warning motorists of the presence of toll bars. The Secretary to the Government, General Department, has sent a communication to the Motor Union of Western India asking their opinion as to the size and form to be adopted. The matter has been referred to the Road Improvements Committee which will in due course report thereon.

Mr. J. D. Davar, while on a visit to England, at the request of the General Committee met and conferred with the Secretary of the Royal Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland with regard to affiliation. He placed before the Meeting a Draft agreement and explained the details of the interview he had with Mr. Orde. A letter from the Secretary of the Royal Automobile Club to Mr. N. M. Marshall, dated 17th April 1907, in a reply to a letter from Mr. Marshall regarding affiliation, was also read and after some discussion it was resolved to accept form 2 of the Agreement and the Secretary was instructed to carry out the necessary details in the matter of the affiliation.

A letter from the Secretary of the Motor Union of Great Britain and Ireland with which the Motor Union of Western India has affiliated was also read accepting the nomination of Dr. A. H. Deane on the General Committee of the Union as the representative of the Motor Union of Western India.

In order that the Library of the Motor Union of Western India should be as up-to-date as possible Mr. J. D. Davar very kindly offered a gift of the following books: The Automobile Journal, the Motoring Manual (2 volumes), The Motor Year Book, Badminton Library of Motors, the Motor Manual 8th edition. The Committee very gladly accepted the offer. Mr. N. M. Marshall's offer of the Encyclopædia of Motoring was also accepted.

THE STATE OF THE ROADS.

At the Meeting a letter was read from Mr. A. Turner Laing calling the attention of the Committee to the shocking state of the roads between Khandalla and Bombay. There is no doubt that the whole road is in a very bad condition, and requires immediate attention especially as motorists have to pay high tolls equivalent to first-class railway fare, and yet have to put up with roads which are ruinous to tyres and cause endless wear and tear to cars. The jolting and jarring of the engines are also very serious drawbacks to week-end trips to Poona. Mr. Davar also pointed out that the road between Koorla and Thana is strewn with small pointed stones lying all over the breadth of the road which causes immense damage to the tyres. Immediate attention is drawn to the shocking state of the road between Panwel and Kampoli. It was pointed out as a very regrettable fact that in spite of the efforts of the Motor Union and the constant complaints of Members, the Government of Bombay had not done anything tangible in the way of road repairs. Heavy tolls were levied from motorists and in return nothing was done to make the roads even passably decent. Mr. Davar suggested that this matter be immediately referred to the Roads Improvement Committee and the route for the forthcoming trials should be at once settled by the Sub-Committee and the Government of Bombay be informed before the monsoons set in of the exact condition of the roads, and suggestions for its repairs. He hoped that the Government would be able to do a great deal if the fact was brought to their notice in good time, anyhow before the end of the monsoons.

Attention was also called to the hardship of having to pay two tolls over the very short causeway at Bandra; four annas is now being charged by the Bandra Municipality at the one end and two annas at the other by the Bombay Municipality. Here again the condition of the causeway hardly justifies the heavy toll for the few hundred yards the car has to cover.

In connection with the trials to be held in Christmas week the necessary details of road, rules of competition and other matters will be pushed through as quickly as possible and a report will be sent in for the General Committee at an early date. As soon as this has been passed information will be sent to motorists all over India and Europe.

The Secretary pointed out that he was glad to place before the Meeting the names of the following Life and Ordinary Members elected since the opening the Motor Union rooms: Messrs. C. D. Bolton, J. H. Bhabha, Maneckji R. Billimoria, D. M. Colah, E. F. Gordon, R. E. Goddard, Framroz M. Garda, F. Hogan, H. Huggett, M. A. Jinnah, J. D. Johnson, Pestonji M. Kanga, S. Meyers, C. J. Michael, Ardeshir M. Maden, M. Mani Hormusji, R. Nariman, C. S. Powalla, H. S. Powalla, Jehangir B. Petit, R. Francis Reed, G. H. O. Stephenson, F. S. Talyarkhan, F. P. Talyarkhan, Trikamdas Gordhandas, R. L. Thuckker, H. N. Vakil, Hormasji N. Vakil, Jamshedji N. Vacchhaghandi, Rustomji N. Wadia, Jamshedji M. N. Wadia, Cawasji Dadabhoy Dubash, Sorabji Dadabhoy Dubash, Gordhandas Khatau, Mathuradas Gokuldas, Meyer Moses, Pherozeshaw B. Petit, H. Pack, Cawasji Jehangir Readymony, A. T. Cooper, T. L. Clarke, M. N. Heeramanek, F. J. Patel, Pherozeshaw Dadabhoy Sett, Nawroji Curretji Wadia, S. R. Patel, P. Douglas Wilson, S. P. Nariman, and the Hon'ble Sir P. M. Mehta, and Mesdames R. D. Tata, D. S. Fraser, F. P. Talyarkhan.

The popularity of the rooms has been well indicated through the past few weeks by the following donations which helped in a considerable measure to enhance the attractions of the new Club rooms. Rs. 200 from Mr. R. K. R. Cama for silver inkstands and writing table fittings; Rs. 100 from Mr. C. D. Dubash for pictures; Rs. 150 from Mr. Narotam Morarjee Goculdass; Rs. 50 from Mr. D. B. Lakhmidass; Rs. 101 from Messrs. Gordhandass and Mulraj Khatau; Rs. 50 from Sir Sassoon J. David; Rs. 50 from Mr. S. A. Nathan; Rs. 150 from Mr. Gordhandass Goculdass Tejpal for general furnishing. I set of furniture for ladies room from Mr. Fazulbhoy Currimbhoy Ebrahim, and another set of furniture for the general room from Mr. Naranji Dwarkadass.

Mr. J. C. Clubwalla and Mr. R. N. Wadia were kind enough to present 6 oil-paintings in all to the Union.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are admirably adapted for curing diseases incidental to females. At different periods of life women are subject to complaints which require a peculiar medicine; and it is now an indisputable fact that there is nothing so suitable for complaints of this nature as Holloway's Pills. For all the debilitating disorders incidental to the sex, and in every contingency perilous to the life and health of women—youthful or aged, married or single—they are a safe and reliable remedy. Their purifying qualities render them invaluable to females of all ages. They are searching and cleansing, yet invigorating; a few doses will speedily remove irregularities in the system, and thereby establish health on a sound and firm basis.

A NEW COTTON GIN.

Mr. L. S. Lemon, the inventor of an improvement in cotton gins, sends the following explanation:—"This invention relates to improvements in apparatus for ginning cotton and the like, and consists of an arrangement by which the action of toothed stripping rollers is greatly assisted by means of a suction fan drawing a current of air through a fixed grid which is arranged in close proximity to such stripping rollers so that the teeth on the rollers project into the spaces between the bars of the grid; the cotton being fed into the stripping rollers by the suction of the air, which is assisted by means of revolving beaters or the like, a vibrating grid or other suitable mechanism is provided on the bottom of the beating chamber for the removal of the cleaned seeds. The air current caused by the suction fan may be augmented by another fan forcing air into the beating chamber. In place of the toothed rollers mechanically operating, gripping fingers may be used, which close on the cotton and pull it through the grid, and then release it in the current of air." "This gin," continues Mr. Lemon, "is entirely novel." The output of cotton in this country is roughly estimated at 6,000,000 maunds per annum, and the price charged by ginners for ginning cotton roughly an average of Re. 1 per maund, I calculate on my new machine ginning cotton at one anna per maund (actual cost). Besides ginning the cotton my machine will also give the cotton a good combing, which will also be another great saving and as an advantage over the old style at machines, my machine does not injure the staple.

THE B. E. S. HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

In aid of the Organ Fund of the Byculla Church, an open-air entertainment was provided for last night on the Bombay Educational Society's High School grounds at Byculla, at which the attendance was very large. The interesting programme of music, both vocal and instrumental got up for the occasion, was very much appreciated. Great credit is due to Mr. Macnee, the Principal of the School, who was mainly responsible for the success of the entertainment. The following is the programme, every item of which was rendered with credit to the performer:—

PART I.

Glee ..... "From Oberon in Fairy-Land"... (Calcott.)
Mouth Organ Solo ..... Master Dearsley,
Song ..... Master A. Grant.
Solo (Concertina) ..... Mr. H. C. Macnee,
Part-Song ..... "The May Fly"... (Calcott.)
Song ..... Mr. Martin.
Recitation ..... Major Kean,
Song ..... Mr. Marsh.

PART II.

Glee ..... "Hail Smiling Morn"..... (Attwood.)
Song ..... Mr. Kingston.
Solo (Cornet) ..... Mr. Rhenius.
Part-Song ..... "Ye Gentlemen of England." .... (Calcott.)
Song ..... Mr. Martin.
Humorous Sketch ..... Mr. Marsh.
Duet ..... Messrs. Boardman and Ross.

THE CASE AGAINST MR. SAVAGE.

Accused Committed to the Sessions.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MAY 16.

At Naraingunj, Mr. Stinton, this morning, committed Mr. Savage to the Sessions charging him under sections 420 and 511 I. P. C. The accused claimed be tried as a European British subject. The list of witnesses for the defence will be submitted to-morrow morning before Mr. Stinton leaves the Station.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	2	0	1
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	2	1	11
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Panaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	6	3	18
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	5	4	12
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Pardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	5	4	20
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	1	7
G Mahim and Worli	1	1	6
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	2	9
Total	21	16	84
Total plague deaths to date	140,750		
Same date last year	95	77	198

THE Carnarvon town council would like the famous castle turned into municipal offices. At a recent meeting a proposal was made that the Board of Works, which contemplates spending £7,000 on the castle's renovation, be asked to restore the ancient banqueting hall within the castle, and so arrange it as to make it available as a council chamber. The mayor threw cold water on the proposal, but promised to bring it to the notice of the Board of Works.

THE following essay on birds, written by a boy at a Great Yarmouth school, is given in the *Daily News*:—The birds have feathers to cap them wome. The birds have very heard bicks. Some birds do not use there wightes. The birds heav holerhau bones so they are veary light. The birds heav string in its legs so it can mone. Some birds have wabed feet with sting bewind there toes. Some birds heav long legs so they wade. Some birds heav long bicks so they cane each there food. Some birds can clime trees. Birds are not very string. There are meny cinds of birds.

THE LADIES' CORNER.

FICHUS IN FAVOUR.

THE fichu still continues in favour, and many charming effects are obtained by the tasteful arrangement of ribbons and Japanese embroideries. These latter can be obtained in almost any colouring and on any material. This fichu effect is not in the draped style we are accustomed to see it, but is gained by the inter-crossing of soft wide ribbons, generally held in position by a third portion, which acts as a support. The corset becomes more a thing of beauty than ever. I mean beauty of form, for some of the latest shapes are perfect, giving, as they do, the graceful contour, combined with absolute comfort and health. You need only to look around and mark the carriage of a well-gowned woman to realize what the present scientific corset is doing for this and future generations.

THE PICTURE COAT.

The new coats and wraps for spring and summer wear are most artistic, and the picture coat is one of the newest ideas. This coat combines art and luxury, and is to be had in all materials, from tweed to chiffon, and in styles and colourings to suit all figures. There is a striking individuality about the picture coat, with its dainty frills of lace, bows of ribbon, and rich embroideries. Delightful coats, made in this style in dull blue taffetas, richly embroidered in blues and yellows, to slip on over an airy summer frock, in white or in a colour with which the blue will harmonise, are most chic, and the Kimono sleeve is one of the features of these dainty coats. Natural coloured pongee and tussore is also used, handsomely embroidered or braided in self-tone, and makes serviceable coats of the picturesque style. Cape models are increasingly popular, and an amazing amount of variety is obtained in these styles, through clever drapery for sleeve purposes. Many of the capes hang straight and long in the front and back, but are so cut that they may be caught up in deep pleats

BY THE WAY.

VAGUE.

The manager of a large works in Manchester sends us the following letter, which he received the other day from one of the workgirls:—"Will you please write and let me know if my place is right for next Monday? I have had to look after my little sisters as my Mother has had a little baby and if you will keep it you will oblige my Mother very much." What our correspondent is in doubt about is whether the mother wishes him to keep the baby or the place.

SIMILIA SIMILIBUS.

One of the firms exhibiting at the Bakers' Exhibition recommends honey as a food in the following terms:—"The Bee, noted for industry, elaborates a Food specially adapted for the young and energetic." This opens up a new philosophy of dietetics. Oysters, presumably, are "specially adapted" to persons of phlegmatic temperament, and the connection between the portly alderman and the sluggish turtle no longer seems accidental.

LOST CONFIDENCE.

Ordinarily (writes "W,") my barber is not a garrulous person. His speech to me is confined as a rule to the questions pertinent to his task. But to-day he added just a little more, and I was apparently in for an extended confidence. He had trimmed my hair and beard and moustache, and finally he cast his eyes on my eyebrows. "Shall I trim the eyebrows, sir?" he asked. I said that I would prefer that he did not. Then he went on in a sort of soliloquy: "Curious, aint it, how the eyebrows keeps their colour? The moustache is, say, twenty years younger than the eyebrows, and yet it's the colour of the moustache that goes first. And the funny thing is that they are both subject to the same atmospheric influences, too." At this interesting point the door swung open and a new-comer entered. In an instant, with a whisk of the towel and a perfunctory twirl of the brush, I was dismissed. And now I am wondering what the rest of the confidence was, and whether I shall ever hear it.

A SLIGHT SLIP.

An elderly and earnest orator stood on a low box at the street corner addressing some score of young men of the loafer class. He seemed conscious that his audience was a degree below him, for whenever better-class persons passed his voice and gaze appealed for their notice. As I approached (writes a correspondent) I heard him bewailing the indifference of the working classes of to-day, and especially the absence of great leaders capable of rousing them from their lethargy. The moment I was fairly within range his eye fixed me, and as I passed I had this moving lament addressed to me: "Ah, my friends, if we could only hear once more, as some of us used to do, the great carrion voice of Mr. Gladstone!"

BE A CLOCK.

From a record of the Palatine Court of the Duchy of Lancaster it appears that in the year 1400 Thomas Graner, of Manchester, had constructed for the Prior of Warrington a "horologium" which had not given satisfaction. It is disappointing to find that this early reference to a local industry should be contained in the customer's complaint against the maker of the article. What was the "horologium"? asks the *Manchester Guardian*. The name shows that it was a timekeeper, but the word would apply equally to a water-clock or a sundial. Fortunately Bishop Reginald Pecock, whose "Repressor of over-much Blaming of the Clergy" was written about 1449, has a passage in which the precise meaning of "horologium" is exemplified. He is speaking of various ordinances as based on Scripture, and points out that many things which are lawful are not enjoined or even mentioned in the Bible. "In all Holy Scripture," he says, "it is not expressed by bidding, counselling, or witnessing, or by any ensample of person . . . that men should make and use clocks for to know the hours of the day and night, for though in oldest days, and though in Scripture mention is made of orologis showing the hours of the day by shadow made by the sun in a circle, certes never save in late days was any clock telling the hours of the day and night by pelse and by stroke, and open it is that nowhere in Holy Scripture is express mention made of any such." So the horologium was probably a sundial. How the Manchester manufacturer and his Warrington customer composed their differences does not appear, but it is a fact in the industrial history of Manchester that at the end of the fourteenth century it was a place where sundials were made—even though they did not give satisfaction to the critical Prior of Warrington.

LIFTING.

The evidence given at an inquest at Billinge in Cheshire, with regard to the death of an old woman of seventy, through an accident while 'lifting" on Easter Tuesday showsthat the old-time Easter custom still lives. It is said to be an allusion to the Resurrection. On Easter Monday the men on the farms in Cheshire used to go about from house to house seize the maids and lift them into the air. On Easter Tuesday the women were supposed to return the compliment to the men who, for their part were supposed to pay a small fee for the honour. At Toft, in Cheshire, until a few years ago, it was usual for a chair ornamented with ribbons and garlands to be placed in the breakfastroom by the women servants on the Monday and by the men on the Tuesday. The master or mistress of the mansion sat down for an instant on the throne submitted to the "lifting" and then gave money to the lifters. The custom existed in slightly different forms in Lancashire, Cheshire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire. The bold Lancashire men by the way took the liberty of kissing the maids they lifted.

SHAKESPEARE'S ALDERMAN FATHER.

The Lord Mayor of Manchester made an ingenious attempt at the Shakespeare dinner to connect Shakespeare with municipal life through his father's aldermanship at Stratford. John Shakespeare was a very great man indeed in Elizabethan Stratford, but his views on municipal government would have little in common with those of an average modern alderman. The Stratford Corporation supervised narrowly the whole trade of the town; it fixed the prices of bread and beer, and appointed "ale tasters," (of whom John Shakespeare was one) to enforce the regulations as to the price and quality of drink and food. Corporation "searchers" inspected the town tanneries to prevent fraudulent methods of manufacture On some of these points, perhaps, a little reaction in the direction of Elizabethan ideals would do no harm. But other forms of interference were more questionable.

THE "GOOD" OLD DAYS.

A Stratford townsman in Elizabethan days could not receive a stranger into his house without the bailiff's permision; no apprentice or servant must be out of doors after nine at night; church-going was compulsory and heavy fines enacted for non-attendance. In John Shakespeare's day an alderman was fined for playing bowls after a meeting of the Council—in prohibited house. John Shakespeare's successive offices make an interesting list. At one time or another he was juror of the Leet (the court at which the police regulations were revised and enforced), ale taster, a petty constable afeeror (one of the officers who imposed fines for offences to which no legal penalty was attached), Chamberlain of the borough (borough treasurer), chief alderman, and bailiff. The Stratford charter of incorporation was granted in 1553; it succeeded the old Guild of the Holy Cross, which had been abolished by Henry VIII., and carried on much the same work as that old religious fraternity. One of the regulations for the aldermen suggests reflections to a modern. They are not "in the Council Chamber or elsewhere to revile one another, but brotherlike live together," and they must not leave the Chamber "but in brotherly love."

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE.

But there is another side to the picture. Late in life John Shakespeare seems to have fallen on evil days. The history of his money troubles has been the subject of endless writing with Shakespeare scholars; but the main facts are clear. Aldermen were expected to subscribe generously to town purposes. But in 1578 when Alderman John Shakespeare was called upon to pay his share of the cost of equipping three pikemen, two billmen, and one archer for the town's service, he could not do it; nor a little later, could he pay fourpence for the relief of the poor. From about this time onwards he ceased to turn up at the Council meetings and in 1586 the Council deprived him of his alderman's gown—"He hath not come to the halls when they be warned, nor hath done of long time." He stopped going to church, too, the cause being, according to the Church Commissioners of 1592, that he was afraid of process for debt. All this points to his being in difficulties, although (and here is the mystery) he seems all along to have held valuable property. He was at one time in a very big way of business, for his ostensible business of gloves included tanning and the manufacture of leather, and he dealt also in corn and timber. He could not write, for he signed documents with his glover's sign—a picture of an instrument resembling the "stretcher" sold in the glovers' shops to-day.

THE DEFEAT OF GENERAL BOTHA.

Long fought he for his nation's rights
On many a stricken field,
Nor ever in those hard-fought fights
Was Botha forced to yield,

But now in London's banquet-halls
He owns us British winners.
Unconquered by our swords, he falls
A victim to our dinners.

—*Truth*.

GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

WORK AND ITS PERSONALITY.

Who could be the author of "The Boatswain's Mate" at Wyndham's *but* W. W. Jacobs? What a fine thing to be able to produce work so characteristic of yourself that the person who beholds it at once thinks of you! It saves having your photograph taken. It saves writing your autobiography. It saves calling upon people when you don't want to call upon them. If they want to see you, they can go to the theatre and see your play. The new little piece which precedes the successful farce, "When Knights Were Bold," is one of the best likenesses of W. W. Jacobs. I have seen for many a day. Mr. Jacobs must stick to writing about boatswains and barges. Once let him take to telling us stories of tinkers and tailors, and he removes his portrait from our vision. He draws a green-baize blind over it, as the silent-footed tip-hunter does with the "old master" in the Continental cathedral, when he scents silver in the approach of a well-to-do tourist—or an ill-to-do tourist, for that matter—who is likely to want to look at it The Boatswain's Mate is W. W. Jacobs. And it could not be anything better.

THE BOGUS BURGLAR

Mrs. Waters of "The Beehive" is another Mrs. Lupin of "The Dragon." She is a buxom and cosy widow with a prosperous little "pub." But instead of being loved by a cheerful Mark Tapley, she is sought by a somewhat beerful ex-boatswain, for whom she is unable to summon up affection. This is a very big blow for George Benn, but he gets up from it with a contemplative smile, and urges a strategetic mind to its best endeavour. He will act the hero, and get to Mrs. Waters's heart that way. His ex-soldier pal, Ned Travers, shall break into "The Beehive" one night and pretend to be a very desperate burglar; and while matters are at their worst and Mrs. Waters is screaming terrifically for help, George Benn shall dash upon the scene in the nick of time, and, driving the bogus burglar from the premises, stand before his softened beloved in a magnificent alone-I-did-it attitude, and await his reward. But the two men have reckoned without their hostess and her resourcefulness. She is no flabby, fainting screamer, and when Ned Travers breaks into her place and assumes the character of the reckless ruffian she cries neither for mercy nor for help. She just makes it pretty warm for him, and for George Benn too: and—you will go along to Wyndham's to see how it all ends.

THE AUTHOR AS A SAILOR.

Where does Mr. Jacobs get his atmosphere from? How does he know all about seas and ships and sailing. Does he keep his hand in by going down to the sea in ships and padding out his cheeks with big black blocks of treacly tobacco? Is he in the ships that pass in the night, and make a very terrifying noise as they pass? Or does he prefer the ships that don't pass in the day—the ships we see trailing their banners of smoke behind them in the dim and sketchy distance, and which we make up our minds to wave to as they go by, but which are such ages accomplishing any perceptible headway that we give them up as a bad job, concluding them to be anchored after all, and turn our aching eyes to something with a definite outline and a clear purpose? Is W. W. Jacobs for ever singing, "Tom Bowling" and 'They all love Jack"?—and singing them in 'a singular minor key," like the "elderly naval man" whom Gilbert "found alone on a piece of stone" somewhere between Deal and Ramsgate! Does he drink raw rum by the mugful, and call perfectly respectable people "lubbers" and suchlike?

THE AUTHOR AS HE IS

Not a bit of it. Mr. Jacobs is the most unseamanlike person you ever had the relief of meeting. It cannot quite be said of him, as it was sung of a certain Lord of the Admiralty, that "a junior partnership, I ween, was the only ship he had ever seen." Mr. Jacobs never got so far in his early Post Office career ever to dream of a junior partnership. (Partnerships in this going concern are still quite difficult to get hold of.) And he *has* seen ships, and plenty of them. But he has es sailing on the sea. As a youngster, he thought he would like to be a "hand" on a sailing vessel. He tried some, and then thought not. The experience was of a kind that determined Mr. Jacobs to seek some sort of berth that didn't romp about so. He went as a clerk into the Post Office Savings Bank, where he was required to be steady—which to him, after what he had been used to on the sailing vessel, was such a luxurious regulation that he set himself an extra task as a sort of conscientious thanksgiving, and wrote a story. His grateful heart went further than this. It prompted him to give his story to the 'Post Office Magazine" for nothing. The success of the literary contribution—his first appearance on any page, so to speak—led him to go in for writing as a living; and it may be had on the authority of editors and publishers that W. W. Jacobs does not write stories for nothing now.

EXIT SHERIDAN.

The removal of "Mr. Sheridan" from the Garrick, after a run that no manager of to-day without the temperament of a dancing sunbeam could possibly congratulate himself upon, sets one meditating again—as when shall one cease to do?—upon the speculative nature of stage work, and the dismal difficulty of catching the public in the necessary mood for appreciating it. What was the matter with the play that it should have had to leave the stage so soon? It was not a surprisingly great work, truly. Not even with the assistance of absinthe could the sunniest and tenderest friend of the authoress say it was that. But it was pretty with the prettiness of "Rosemary," and romantic with the romance of "David Garrick," and it introduced to us a hero of real life who has not, on the stage, become a theatrical reach-me down, like Napoleon and Garrick. Mr Bourchier's Richard Brinsley Sheridan was at times, no doubt, too much Bourchier's, but it was a distinctly interesting performance, and received as much praise from the critics as the play itself, which received considerable. (And thereby hangs the old question of the value of dramatic criticism. Let it hang!) What does the short run of "Mr. Sheridan" mean? What does it amount to? What are we to conclude from it? Does it mean that playgoers of to-day take no interest in the life of Sheridan? I hope not. Does it amount to this—that the language and the manners, the spirit and the atmosphere, the humour and the emotions of the Sheridan period do not appeal to the man and women who go down to the play in motor-buses? I hope not. And are we to conclude from it that, say, Napoleon's is a more entertaining and a more dramatic personality to hang a play on than Sheridan's? I still hope not. For Napoleon was a very dull dog when he was not actually and locally at war and we don't see him with his battlefield barbarisms in the theatre. We see him only when he is scheming darkly and silently with his eyebrows: when he is pacing the stage with his hands behind his back, or resting one of them in the chest-opening of his coat; when he is speaking the blunt commonplaces of domestic friction to Josephine, and when, with savage playfulness, he is pinching or slapping the cheeks of his friends.

NAPOLEON THE UNDRAMATIC.

He is not a dramatic character even when he is seen in exile at St. Helena. It is only the circumstance of his being there that is dramatic. He himself is just a tubby, fretful, frowning, disagreeable little prisoner—a "bad loser." And what is more uninteresting, more unsympathetic, more undramatic, than a bad loser? The personality of Sheridan, on the other hand, excites drama, and drama of the most delightful and appealing sort But who would care to risk even five shillings in betting that there will be another Sheridan play—that is, a play *of* and not *by* Sheridan—produced within the next ten years? You could bet five pounds on Napoleon turning up within any twelve months in the universe you liked to name—and win your bet. He has just left the Duke of York's Theatre, of a truth; but, mark my words, he has not left us for long. He will bob up again shortly in some glittering comedy of manners, some crimson and gold melodrama, or some pink chiffon comedy-opera. And there will be nothing fresh about him. He will just do what he has been doing for years. He will gloomily strut the stage with clenched toes, he will pinch and slap the cheks of all who come near him he will "lend the eye a terrible aspect"—like our old friend the villain at the "Vic" who cooked his brow at night and looked as naughty as he could and he will wear one hand in the lapels of his coat or both hands in the bend of his back—to the immense satisfaction of all who know that this is precisely what he should do.

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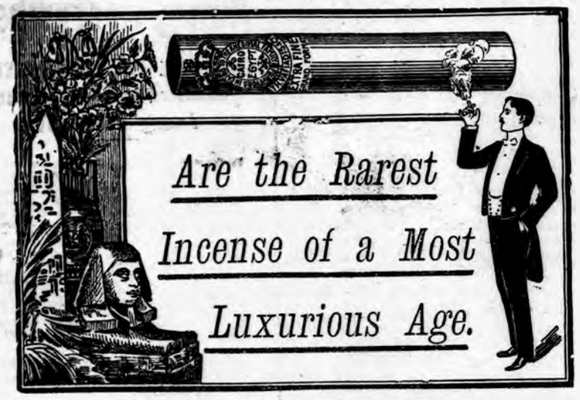

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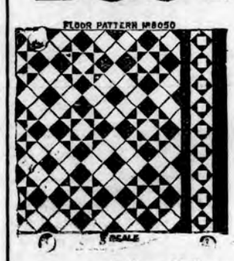

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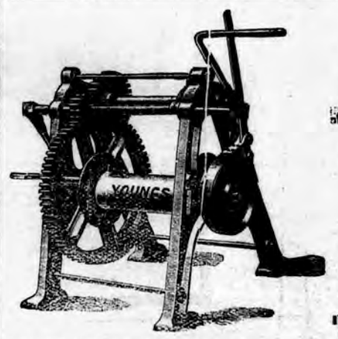

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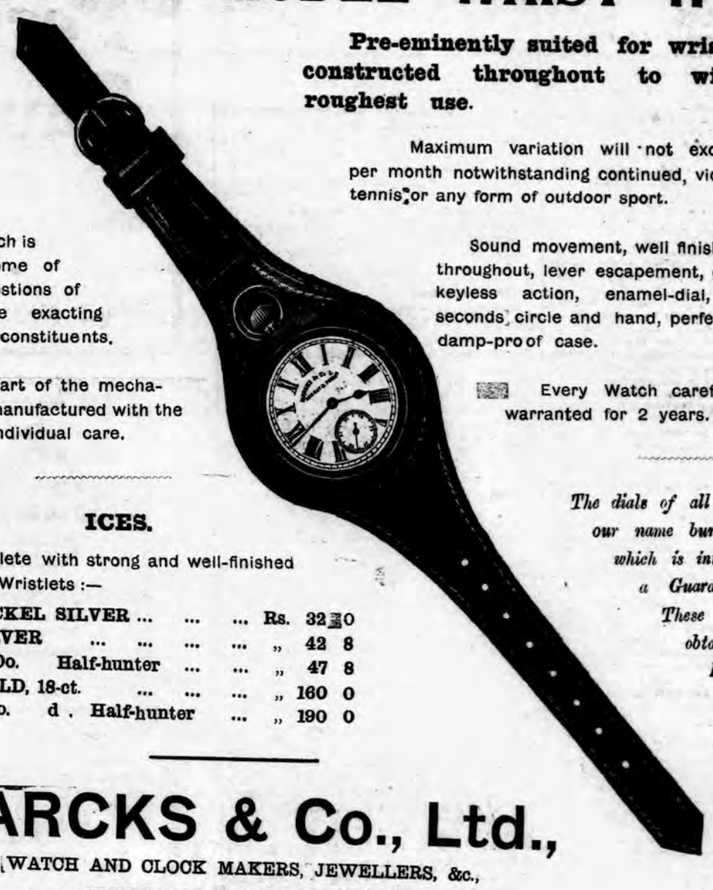

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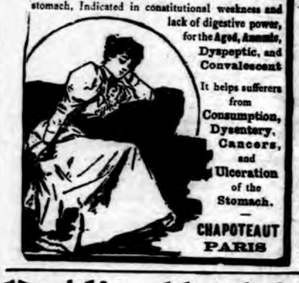

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